

# Classes train contractors to work with lead paint

South Lake Tahoe and Lake Tahoe Community College Connect Community Education are sponsoring the Renovator, Repair, Painter and Supervisor Trainings for local contractors.

The Lead Safe Worker eight-hour training for Renovators, Repair and Painters is being offered at LTCC on June 30, July 20, Aug. 4, and Sept. 14. The cost to attend the training is \$50 and up to two workers from each local company are welcome to participate.

Common renovation activities like sanding, cutting, and demolition can create hazardous lead dust and chips by disturbing lead-based paint, which can be harmful to adults and children. To protect against this risk, on April 22, 2008, EPA issued the Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule. It requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in pre-1978 homes, child care facilities and schools be certified by EPA and that they use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers to follow lead-safe work practices.

Ten local California general contractors are being offered the opportunity to attend a five-day course to become certified lead safe worker supervisors. An EPA approved exam will be held onsite at LTCC on the sixth day.

Registration is limited to one supervisor from each firm. This training is being offered Oct. 22-27. The cost to attend is \$100.

The reduced cost of the workshop fees are being paid for by South Lake Tahoe grant funding. The Lead Safe Tahoe program has been able to control potential lead-based paint hazards

and renovate nearly 60 homes so far through this federally funded grant program.

Registration is available online.

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