



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

## Checklist for Choosing a Lead Abatement Contractor

*Connecticut has many* qualified lead abatement contractors and workers. However there may be contractors and workers who are not qualified to safely remove or control lead in homes.

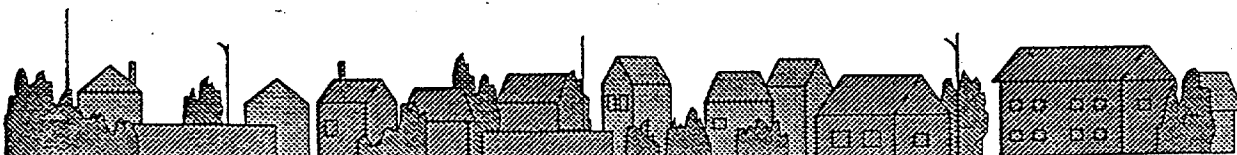
*Beginning January 1, 1996,* lead abatement contractors who work in Connecticut must be licensed by the Department of Public Health. Contractors who have applied for this license have stated, that their lead abatement work will follow federal, state and local laws and regulations that concern lead abatement. They also have stated, that their employees who will perform lead activities will hold certificates issued by the Department of Public Health. Employees who hold these lead certificates have completed special training.

*There are five kinds of lead certificates.* One is for lead abatement supervisors, another is for lead abatement workers, and three lead certificates are for lead consultants (inspector, risk assessor, and planner project designer).

*A lead contractor license is one step in assuring* that a lead contractor will do good work. The Department of Public Health also suggests that you meet with three or four lead abatement contractors who agree to provide a written job description and cost estimate before you make your final choice. This procedure is common practice, prior to signing any contracts.

*The Department of Public Health offers* the checklist on the back as a guide to compare the lead abatement contractors.

*Use this checklist to get information* from each contractor you interview and then compare the information.





# Lead Abatement Contractor Checklist



Contractor's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's Representative's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Contractor's bid quotation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**This checklist is only a guide to help you choose a qualified lead abatement contractor.**

## Ask the lead abatement contractor:

- for a copy of his/her Connecticut lead contractor's license.
- for references and call them to discuss the contractor's work.
- if all of their lead abatement workers and lead abatement supervisors are certified to perform the work.
- for certificates indicating current worker's compensation insurance and lead liability insurance policies.
- for a description of all lead abatement related civil actions, lawsuits, or claims against the contractor or any of the contractor's past or present employees.
- if the company has been cited for violation of lead related or occupational safety and health regulations. Have any penalties, such as fines or license suspensions, resulted?
- for a written contract. The contract must refer to an approved abatement plan and might include: a start date, an end date, a payment schedule, what work will be done, how the work will be done, who will clean up, and a description of the disposal of lead abatement waste. The contract may contain a penalty clause for unsatisfactory performance. Pay the contractor's fee according to a schedule that is based on completed work.

Sample payment schedule:

- A. 1/3 down payment.
- B. 1/3 when the job is completed and the lead abatement waste is removed.
- C. 1/3 when the owner receives acceptable final clearance test results for lead levels on the property and/or in the dwelling.

## You should:

- check with the Department of Public Health and/or your local health department for information about the contractor.

*Compare the different lead abatement contractors you have interviewed. If you have other questions, call these contractors before you make your choice. If you have any final questions about lead abatement, call the Department of Public Health at (860) 509-7299.*