

HomeSafe E-Mail Newsletter

Hello,

These e-newsletters seemed like a good idea to me since we don't have any professional lead organizations left in Southern CA to disseminate information (or even to represent us as a group).

I've included some interesting stuff about goings-on at both the state and federal levels, plus new acronyms for us certified lead people. There is even a Pop Quiz for inspectors and supervisors to challenge your brain over the summer. (We're trainers. What do you expect?)

Don't forget you can get general information about lead and mold at www.homesafe.org, and training schedules at homesafetraining.com.

Enjoy, and let me know if there's something you would like addressed in future newsletters.. Email me with your suggestions and comments. (kathleen@homesafe.org)

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P.S. If, for any reason you do not want to receive future e-newsletters, reply to this email with "REMOVE" in the subject line. It will help if you include your name as well. If you have any questions, please contact us at e-news@homesafe.org or (800) 648-5323.

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1. **DHS Announces Lead Acronyms for Lead Professionals** • DHS announced last month that Lead Related Construction (LRC) certified inspector/assessors, project monitors, project designers, and supervisors can add appropriate acronyms on business cards, stationery, etc. They are:

- a. Inspector/Risk Assessors - LRCIA
- b. Project Monitors - LRCM
- c. Project Designers - LRCD
- d. Supervisors - LRCS

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2. DHS Moving to Richmond, CA • DHS is scheduled to move from Oakland to Richmond during the first week of August. If you have questions, now might be a good time to ask them. Contact: Nympha Valdezotto (510) 622-2039 for certification questions. (nvaldezo@dhs.ca.gov)

The last day to fax 8551/8552 forms to the current address is August 3. After that, use the new fax number 510-620-5656. If it doesn't go through, try again in a day or two. The new main phone number is 510-620-5600 beginning on August 5. The new address (use after 8/1/05) is:

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch
850 Marina Bay Parkway
Building P, 3rd Floor, "Box C"(certs) or "Reports"(8551s/8552s)
Richmond, CA 94804-6403

Note: DHS says it's really important to put "Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch" on all correspondence.

3. Status of the New Title 17 • We're still waiting for the updated version of Title 17 to emerge. Word on the street is that the new version will contain:

- a. No increases in fees.
- b. A new certification - Sampling Technician.
- c. The death of the Project Designer certification.
- d. Dust clearance levels that match the federal ones.

4. State Exam Pass Rates * Want to see how well each training provider's students do on state exams? DHS has released the information under the Public Records Act. Go to: <http://www.homesafetraining.com/training/passrates.html>

5. San Diego Ordinance Update • The much-anticipated city ordinance in San Diego will not, in all likelihood, reach the city council docket before the August recess. The ordinance is expected to go before the city council in September. When approved it would require, among other things:

- a. risk assessments and the correction of lead hazards when pre-78 homes and apartments are sold,
- b. the use of lead safe work practices,
- c. increased clearance testing requirements, and
- d. the mandatory blood testing of all children,

6. Free State Exam Review Classes • Did you know HomeSafe offers a free state exam review class the day before each scheduled exam offered in Southern California? It's true! However, the classes are open only to students who took their INITIAL training from HomeSafe.

7. OSHA Seeking Input • OSHA is conducting a review of the Lead in Construction Standard in an attempt to make it easier to follow and implement. They are asking for your input postmarked by Sept 6, 2005. Comments can also be submitted by following the instructions at <http://ecomments.osha.gov>

8. New Cal/OSHA Construction Industry Pocket Guide Available • The updated Pocket Guide is an excellent source for Cal/OSHA information. To get your free copy call the Research and Education Unit in Sacramento at 916-574-2528. The Guide is available in both English and Spanish.

9. Pop Quiz for Inspectors/Risk Assessors

SET UP: You have been hired by Mr. Slumlord to perform a lead inspection on a 90-unit apartment complex. All buildings were built in 1939. Two EBL children live in the complex.

- a. How many units will you test?
- b. What is the first unit you will test if the random number is 0.92?

(Answers at <http://www.homesafetraining.com/quiz.html>)

10. Pop Quiz for Supervisors

SET UP: You have an abatement job at a large California grocery store that was built in 1945.

- a. Do your workers have to be certified?
- b. Must you give “Protect Your Family” to the client before you start?

(Answers at <http://www.homesafetraining.com/quiz.html>)

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That's it for this issue. Please let us know what you think. Did you learn anything useful?

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