

**WAC 296-17A-0521 Classification 0521.**

**0521-00 Painting building interiors; wallpaper hanging/removal**

Applies to contractors engaged in painting building interiors regardless of the height inside the building. This classification includes building interiors such as, but not limited to:

- Single and multiple story residential houses and commercial buildings;
- Warehouses;
- Factories;
- Coliseums;
- Theaters;
- Stores; and
- Churches.

The following structures are examples which would **not meet** the definition of a building or qualify as interior painting:

- Bridges;
- Refineries;
- Grain silos;
- Water towers;
- Service station canopies; or
- Tanks.

Paint is applied by brush, roller or spray to a variety of surfaces such as wood, wallboard, plaster, stucco, metal, concrete, or other types of surfaces found within the interior of a building.

This classification includes:

- All preparation work such as the set up of scaffolding, sanding, removal of old paint or asbestos, taping or masking, and clean up work;
- The hanging or removal of wallpaper. The process of hanging wallpaper includes cleaning or scraping walls to ensure the wallpaper will adhere to the surface. Depending on the type of wallpaper, adhesive is applied to the wall surface, the wallpaper, or both. Patterns are matched and the strip is applied to the surface and brushed smooth to remove the air pockets. This process is repeated until the entire job is complete;
- Refinishing or resurfacing of tubs, sinks, appliances and countertops.

This classification excludes:

- Exterior painting of buildings or structures which is to be reported separately in classification 0504. Classifications 0521 and 0504 may be assigned to the same employer provided accurate records are maintained which distinguish interior building painting contracts from exterior building or structure painting contracts;
- Contractors engaged in waterproofing buildings or structures N.O.C., pressure washing services or sandblasting of buildings or structures, lead paint abatement, and the exterior painting of buildings or structures, including interior/exterior tanks which are all to be reported separately in classification 0504;
- Painting of murals or other artwork on the interior of buildings which is to be reported separately in classification 4109; and
- Painting of murals or other artwork on the exterior of buildings which is to be reported separately in classification 0403.

**Special note:** See asbestos certification and training requirements at [www.lni.wa.gov](http://www.lni.wa.gov).

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