

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

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

**Applies to:**

Businesses painting building interiors regardless of the height inside the building.

**Building interiors include, but are not limited to:**

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

**Examples of structures that would *not* meet the definition of a building or qualify as interior painting:**

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

**Work activities and processes include, but are not limited to:**

- Applying paint 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;
- All preparation work such as setting up scaffolding, sanding, removing old paint or asbestos, masking with tape or other materials, and cleanup work;
- Hanging or removing wallpaper, including cleaning or scraping walls to ensure the wallpaper will adhere to the surface; applying adhesive to the wall surface, the wallpaper, or both; matching patterns and applying wallpaper to the surface; brushing smooth to remove air pockets; and repeating until the entire job is complete;
- Refinishing or resurfacing of tubs, sinks, appliances, and countertops.

**Exclusions:**

- Worker hours engaged in exterior painting of buildings or structures are 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;
- Worker hours 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 reported separately in classification 0504;
- Painting murals or other artwork on the interior of buildings is classified in 4109;
- Worker hours engaged in painting murals or other artwork on the exterior of buildings are reported separately in classification 0403.

***Special notes:***

- See asbestos certification and training requirements at [www.lni.wa.gov](http://www.lni.wa.gov).
- For rules on assigning and reporting in more than one basic classification, see WAC 296-17-31017 Multiple classifications.
- Classification 0521 is a construction industry classification (see WAC 296-17-31013).

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