

PAINTING

Consult the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act and its regulations for detailed information

1. The Physical Resources Service shall advise the Building Management Agent well in advance about any planned painting work.
2. Adequate signage shall be posted to indicate work
3. The Building Management Agent should notify the occupants of the building that painting would occur in order to accommodate medical conditions or chemical sensitivities of individuals.
4. Meeting rooms, offices, and classrooms should be painted when areas are not occupied. If this is not possible, temporary relocation of workers or alternative assignment should be considered.
5. If oil-based (enamel) paints are being used, the work has to be done after working hours and before midnight. The ventilation system should remain functional for a minimum of 24 hours.
6. If latex paints are used, the work can be done during the regular work hours, provided that occupants are not in the immediate vicinity of painting process.
7. Adequate ventilation must be provided at all times, when possible.
8. Where necessary, commercial vapour extractors can be provided to reduce solvent vapour levels in the area being painted.
9. The number of staff and general public coming into area should be limited, once the painting process has started. No one should be allowed to pass where a painter is performing his work on a stepladder or ladder, unless authorized.
10. Painters should be able / allowed to move without restriction from one area to another.
11. If the paint vapours significantly irritate occupants, they should inform the supervisor, who must investigate the situation immediately.
12. If it appears that the painters are not following proper work procedures or are using oil-based paint during working hours, inform the Building Management Agent or the Office of Risk Management immediately.