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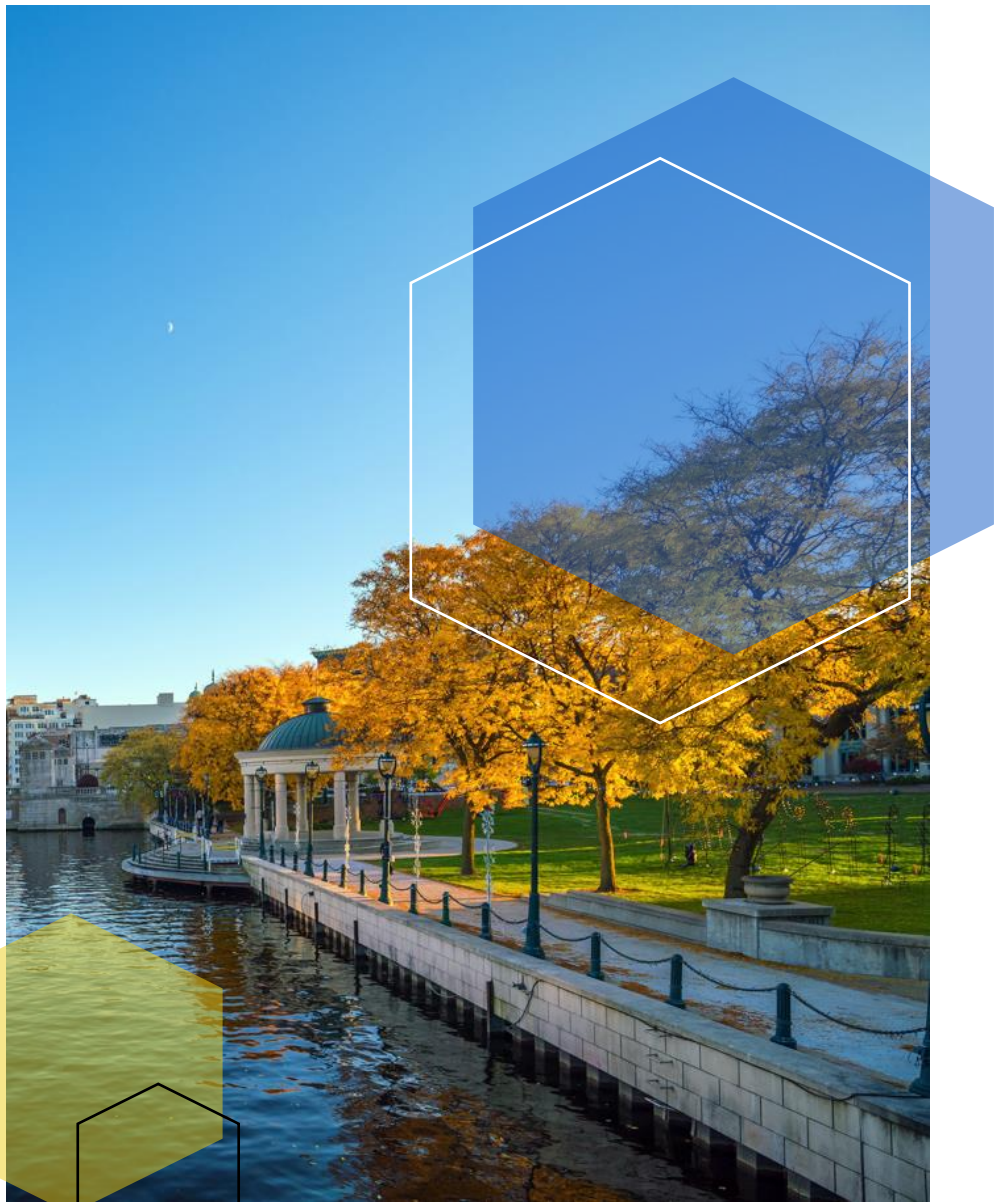
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CRAFTSMANSHIP IN COLOR - NURTURING SAFETY IN EXCELLENCE

Dear Members and Affiliated Contractors,

As the season's colors change, so do the challenges and responsibilities within our trades. With the onset of fall, glaziers find themselves sealing up buildings against the crisp winds, painters continue to transform spaces with their artistry, and drywall finishers add their touch to complete the canvas. However, our shared commitment to safety extends beyond craftsmen – our affiliate contractors and employers play a pivotal role in ensuring the well-being of every individual on the job site. In this quarter's newsletter, we converge these crafts and responsibilities around a central theme that bridges our work and our well-being - "Healthy Indoor Air Quality: A Brushstroke of Safety for Painters, Glaziers, and Drywall Finishers."

BREATH OF OUR CRAFT

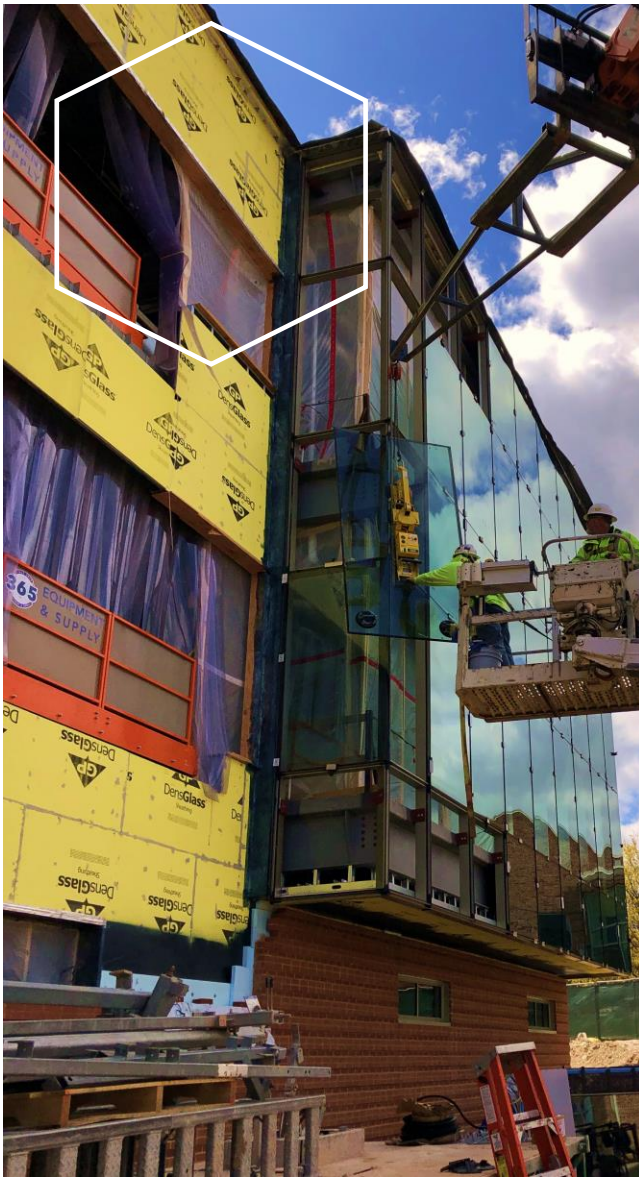
UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF INDOOR AIR QUALITY

The air we breathe during our work holds profound implications for our well-being. This segment delves into the vital realm of indoor air quality within our respective trades - painters, drywall finishers, and glaziers. We'll uncover the subtle yet potent hazards unique to each craft.

For **Painters**, the act of sanding and painting can release tiny particles that pose airborne risks. We'll unveil the potential respiratory health impacts of inhaling these particles and discuss how understanding paint components contributes to indoor air quality.

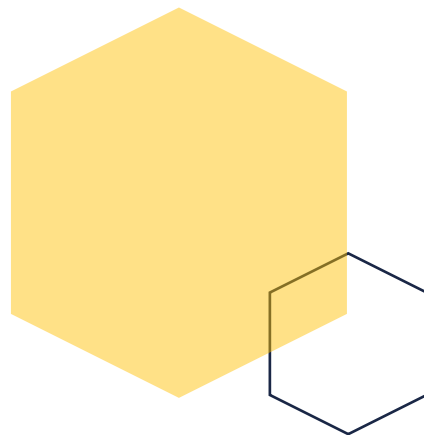
Drywall finishers grapple with airborne dust from sanding joint compounds, with potential consequences for respiratory comfort. We'll spotlight effective dust control and low-dust compound options for healthier indoor air.

Glaziers, while sealing and installing, encounter fumes from adhesives that can compromise air quality. This section underscores proper ventilation to mitigate volatile organic compounds (VOCs), along with embracing low-VOC sealants for healthier indoor environments.



Air Quality Related Training at WGLFTI

- Hazard Communications
- OSHA 10 & 30
- ICRA – Infection Control Risk Assessment
- Confined Spaces





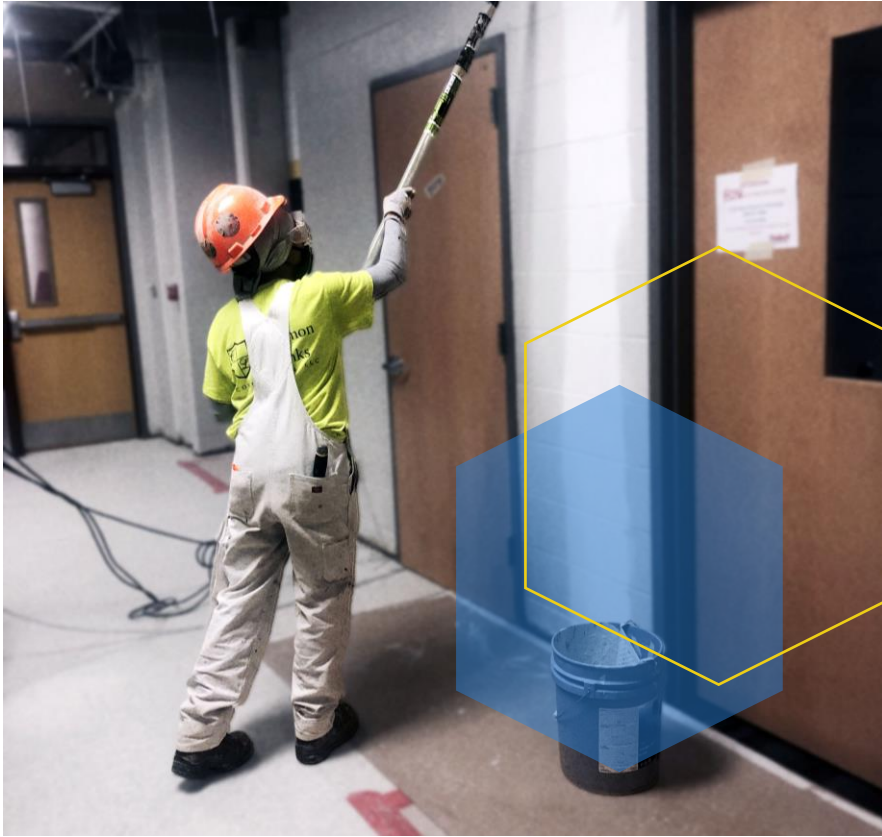
COLORS OF HEALTH

SELECTING LOW-VOC PAINTS AND COATINGS

Amidst the creative tapestry of our trades, the products we choose are the threads that weave health and craftsmanship together. The choices we make as craftsmen and women, coupled with the commitments of our affiliated contractors, can play a pivotal role in safeguarding the well-being of our union members. For our **industrial** and **commercial painters**, the selection of paints and coatings goes beyond aesthetics; it impacts the air quality of the spaces they transform. Low-VOC options not only deliver vibrant finishes but also contribute to the well-being of those who inhabit the spaces. Similarly, for **drywall finishers**, the compounds they choose to work with can affect the air quality of finished interiors. Opting for low-dust and low-VOC drywall compounds ensures their artistry not only creates seamless walls but also a healthier indoor environment. **Glaziers**, sealing and securing with adhesives, can make air quality-conscious choices by embracing low-VOC sealants. As we delve into product selection, let's remember that each choice we make extends our craftsmanship beyond surfaces, shaping the air we breathe, and enhancing the well-being of all.



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HARVESTING HEALTHIER AIR

UNIFYING FOR FALL'S FRESH INDOOR QUALITY

As we shift into fall's embrace, the essence of our craftsmanship resonates even stronger. Beyond our brushes and tools, our responsibility extends to the air we collectively breathe. This feature unites craftsmen, contractors, and employers on a journey of awareness, forging a path to healthier indoor air quality.

Open dialogues become our foundation. By fostering open conversations, we ensure that air quality concerns are shared, discussed, and resolved. Project meetings transform into arenas for deliberating ventilation strategies and sharing best practices, amplifying every voice in the room.

Together, we learn and grow. Exchanging insights and experiences elevates our understanding of product choices, workspace design, and proper ventilation. This shared knowledge empowers us all to make informed decisions that uphold craftsmanship and health.

Safety remains our focal point. Employers and contractors foster a safety-centric culture by embedding air quality considerations into project planning, providing essential resources, and endorsing continuous training.

For Members:

Embrace comprehensive training classes that equip you to recognize, mitigate, and resolve indoor air quality concerns. By enrolling, you empower yourself with the tools to safeguard your well-being while creating remarkable work.

For Contractors:

Enroll your teams in specialized training classes, nurturing air quality excellence from the ground up. By integrating these insights into project execution, you champion the health of your workforce and the caliber of your projects.

Together, at IUPAT DC 7 and the WGLFTI, we weave aesthetics and health into the very fabric of our craft, creating spaces that flourish in beauty and well-being.

NEW Classes on the Training Schedule

Blueprint Reading I – Glaziers (4 Hrs.):

In this entry-level blueprint reading class, specifically tailored for glaziers, you will learn the essential skills to navigate blueprints with confidence. We will cover topics such as understanding symbols, interpreting specifications, documents, architectural drawings, and shop drawings. By the end of this course, you will have the knowledge and expertise to read blueprints accurately and contribute to successful glazing installations.

Blueprint Reading II – Glaziers (4 Hrs.):

Building on the foundation of the entry-level class, Blueprint Reading II equips glaziers with advanced techniques to navigate specifications, architectural drawings, and shop drawings. This course also introduces the use of tablets and new technology programs for efficient field labor management in building construction. By the end of the course, glaziers will have enhanced blueprint reading skills, proficiency in utilizing digital tools, and the ability to contribute to successful glazing projects in the digital era.

Hardware – Door Control – Glaziers (4 Hrs.):

This course provides an in-depth exploration of essential skills and knowledge for glaziers and professionals involved in commercial door installations. Participants gain a comprehensive understanding of ADA requirements, choosing the right door closers and hardware, proper mounting techniques, and step-by-step adjustment procedures. The course emphasizes the importance of creating accessible, safe, and efficient entrances in compliance with building codes. Through hands-on activities and practical insights, participants learn how to select, install, and fine-tune door closers for optimal functionality, enhancing the overall user experience.

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