

# **Why Hire an Experienced Painting Contractor?**

**Before you decide to hire the economy priced painter, a friend who is handy, or "do it yourself", here are important points to consider that suggest that price and inexperience may not provide you the best value.**

## **Safety**

Painting can be hazardous work, whether it's working on a ladder or dealing with dust, paints and solvents. Hiring a professional contractor means you don't have to worry about these problems.

## **Health**

If your home or business was built before 1978, it may have some lead-based paint in one or more of the older coats, which can cause serious health effects when it is scraped or sanded in preparation for repainting. Professional contractors will take appropriate steps to protect you. Painting contractors are required to furnish EPA-produced pamphlets to their residential customers and certain other customer types, before they begin a job that involves disturbing lead-based paint in or on a surface. Professional painting contractors will understand and be willing to follow the recommendations on this pamphlet.

## **Preparation & Painting**

Getting the surface properly prepared makes all the difference. Professional contractors know the value of preparation and will do it right.

## **Knowing Paints and How to Apply Them**

The choices today are more complicated than just oil or latex, and professional contractors will know what works, how to use it, and will have the right tools for the job. Professional contractors utilize and partner with professional paint, coatings, and wallcovering suppliers.

## **Cleanup and Disposal**

Hiring a professional contractor means you don't have to worry about dealing with paint residues and other leftovers. Professionals will know how to handle hazardous wastes that may be part of the job.