

# **NOTICE TO MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS**

## **Building Permits Also Required For Manufactured Paint Spray Booths**

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The Building Code regulates the design and construction of manufactured paint spray booths by referencing the International Fire Code which contains provisions on the materials that can be used in the construction of the booth, finish requirements for floors & other surfaces, means of egress from the booth, clear space that must be maintained around the booth, and the booth area or size allowed. The Fire Code also references NFPA 33 for additional booth design and construction requirements.

As such a building permit needs to be obtained for a manufactured paint spray booth so that the building plan reviewer and building inspector can verify compliance with the Building Code. Mechanical contractors are accustomed to pulling mechanical permits for the installation of the booth and associated ventilation/exhaust and fire suppression systems and having those systems inspected for compliance with the Mechanical Code but are not necessarily accustomed to having to also pull the required building permit so that compliance with the Building Code can be verified.

On projects where manufactured paint spray booths are being added within an existing building, where there is no general contractor associated with the project or installation/placement of the booth, the mechanical contractor is responsible for obtaining the required building permit along with their mechanical permit unless the building owner obtains the required building permit.