

STEPHENS

COMMERCIAL PAINTING

BACKGROUND

Interior corridors are often the first impression families and prospective residents form of a senior living community — yet repainting an occupied facility carries real risk. Residents live in these buildings 24 hours a day, many with respiratory conditions, COPD, or dementia. Fumes, trip hazards, and disruption to daily routines aren't acceptable trade-offs. Communities needed a painting partner who could refresh worn, dated corridors without compromising resident safety, comfort, or operations.



- **Zero-VOC/zero-odor paints**
- **Zero disruption to residents and employees**
- **Dust containment**
- **Soft, calming tones paired with high-contrast accent walls to support wayfinding**
- **A clean, polished environment without disrupting residents**

STRATEGY

Stephens Commercial Painting deployed its proprietary 7-phase corridor process, built specifically for occupied senior living and healthcare environments:

1. Contained 120-foot work zones with overspray-proof barriers
2. Taped and secured floor protection to prevent falls
3. Advance resident notice ahead of ceiling spray
4. Negative-pressure HEPA air scrubbers running throughout.
5. Only zero-VOC paints were used, eliminating fumes and odor entirely
6. A crew member remained on watch during all resident movement hours
7. The team consulted on warm, low-agitation color palettes and high-contrast wayfinding for residents with low vision — at no extra charge

RESULTS

The rolling 120-foot zone cycle kept each section of corridor on a predictable 3-day, setup-to-teardown schedule, with residents restricted from their rooms for no more than one hour during the single ceiling-spray phase. Corridors reopened to full resident access within an hour of that spray beginning, and each section was inspected and signed off with facility staff before crews advanced to the next. The result: bright, freshly finished corridors delivered with zero disruption to resident health or daily routine — and a track record that has made Stephens the preferred painting partner for The Arbor Company, 12 Oaks Senior Living, Integrated Senior Living, and Cook's Children's Hospital System.

SCAN TO WATCH

