

## INTERPRETATION:

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- updated June 1, 2018 for 2017 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code
- updated May 31, 2023 for 2023 Pikes Peak Regional Building Code

## **FINISH MATERIALS**

### **Section 1210.2, 2021 International Building Code**

**1210.2 Finish Materials.** Walls, floors and partitions in toilet and bathrooms shall comply with sections 1210.2.1 through 1210.2.4.

**1210.2.1. Floors and wall bases.** In other than dwelling units, toilet, bathing and shower room floor finish materials shall have a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface. The intersections of such floors with walls shall have a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent vertical base that extends upward onto the walls not less than 4 inches. (102mm)

**1210.2.2 Walls and partitions.** Walls and partitions within 2 feet (610 mm) of service sinks, urinals and water closets shall have a smooth, hard, nonabsorbent surface to a height of not less than 4 feet (1219 mm) above the floor, and except for structural elements, the materials used in such walls shall be of a type that is not adversely affected by moisture.

***INTERPRETATION:*** A smooth, hard and nonabsorbent surface such as concrete, masonry, ceramic tile, fiberglass reinforced paneling (FRP), portland cement or other approved materials are required on walls within two (2) feet of urinals and water closets to a height of 4 feet above floor as referenced in this code section.

***NOTE:*** Drywall with epoxy paint is not an acceptable material to comply with 2021 IBC requirements.