

Safety Tips

Get permits for home renovations



Do it right. Stay safe.

Thinking about doing renovations yourself?

As a homeowner, it is important that you understand the risks and regulations associated with household gas and electrical projects, and get permits when they are required.

The most important reasons to get permits are safety and peace of mind. When your licensed contractor takes out a permit for the work they are doing for you, it means that they are taking responsibility for the work. Getting permits for work you are doing yourself means that a highly skilled Safety Officer from the BC Safety Authority will inspect your work. **To ensure safety, the BC Safety Authority strongly recommends that homeowners hire licensed contractors to complete gas and electrical work requiring permits.**

Most gas and electrical installations require a permit.

Here are some examples of work that does/does not require a permit:

DOES NEED A PERMIT

- any electrical wiring work
- new or replacement hot tubs
- new or replacement gas fireplaces, water heaters, furnaces, ranges, or cooktops
- new or replacement gas barbecue piping

DOES NOT NEED A PERMIT

- replacement of receptacles, dimmer switches, furnace thermostats, or lamps
- replacement of lighting fixtures up to 150V to ground
- replacing an existing gas barbecue

Detailed information about permits is available at:

www.safetyauthority.ca/permits-approvals/homeowner-permits

www.thinkpermit.ca

Or contact us by phone: 1.866.566.7233



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