

Why Permits Matter

Always ensure that your home improvement contractors obtain permits.

There are many reasons why it's important to ensure that any contractor you hire for your home improvements has obtained the proper permits for the job. The risks involved in completing home projects without a permit may include subpar results and unsafe conditions in your home, as well as legal and financial hardships for you as the homeowner.

Remember:

- A permit ensures that the person/company performing the work is qualified to do it.
- A permit ensures that an independent third party will inspect the work upon completion.
- Work done by someone who is not qualified to perform it could result in safety issues in your home (structural problems, risk of electrical fire, etc.).
- You have little to no legal recourse if you contract to do work without a permit and the resulting work is incomplete, subpar, or creates safety issues in your home.
- Failure to obtain a permit could cost you more in the long run. Examples include costly repairs to correct subpar work and after-the-fact permit fees from the city.
- Unpermitted work could void your home insurance coverage.
- Re-financing or selling your home could be hampered by unpermitted work, in part because unpermitted work may not comply with minimum city building code requirements.

Some small projects do not require a permit.

To find out if your project is exempt, please contact Development Services at 720-865-2982 or visit denvergov.org/developmentservices

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