



# Why Permits Matter

A helpful list of reasons why it's important to ensure that contractors for your home improvement projects obtain permits.

## **Qualifications**

A permit ensures that the person/company performing the work is qualified to do it.

## **3rd Party Inspection**

A permit ensures that an independent third party will inspect the work upon completion.

## **Health & Safety**

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.).

## **Legal Action**

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.

## **Unplanned Costs**

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.

## **Insurance**

Unpermitted work could void your home insurance coverage.

## **Home Transactions**

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.**

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