

A building permit ensures that your project follows **the Ontario Building Code**.



Getting a building permit will avoid the risk of **having your project stop** if you are caught doing work without the proper permit. In some cases, getting a permit mid-project could cost more.



A building permit ensures that your project follows **the municipal zoning and other applicable laws** in your city.

A building permit may eliminate **unqualified contractors**. Hiring a qualified contractor could make the project go smoother and some municipalities require contractors to be licensed and insured.



Building codes can change with legislation, and a building permit makes sure that **your renovation is up to the current code**.



A building permit keeps your contractor **honest**. They may not cut corners on the job when they know it will be inspected by a building official.

If there is an accident on the job site, **you have a greater chance of filing an insurance claim** if you have a building permit.



When you have a building permit for your project, the municipality sends a building official to inspect the work **to make sure it's being built safely and up to code**.



Building permits are an **official record that a renovation has been conducted and checked to be safe** and sound by a qualified building official.



When your home is built to code under a building permit, **your property may increase in value**.

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Here's why you need to get a building permit

The risks of skipping a building permit just aren't worth it. Take the time to find out whether your municipality requires a permit for the renovation project you have in mind before you begin the work.

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