



CITY OF *Lethbridge*

Building Inspection Services

The Benefits of Permits

By reading this, you've already taken the first step toward protecting the outcome and investment value of your construction project and possibly guarding against a lawsuit or injury. The following information describes how permits can work for you.

- Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes, the value of your investment may be reduced. If you decide to sell a home or a building that does not meet the minimum standards of the code you may be required to make costly repairs.
- You have access to Certified Safety Codes Officers who will advise you regarding compliance with the Alberta Building Code and other related codes.
- Your plans will be reviewed by a certified Safety Codes Officer to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health and safety. A construction project meeting the minimum standards of safety will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends and future owners.

What Is a Permit?

A permit (building, plumbing, gas, HVAC and electrical) give you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications.

When Do You Need a Permit?

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to contact the Building Inspection Services department of the City of Lethbridge and discuss your plans with a Safety Codes Officer before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit.

Permits Are Typically Required for the Following:

- All New Residential And Commercial Buildings
- Residential Additions (Bedrooms, Family Rooms, Bathrooms, etc.)
- Commercial Additions And Renovations
- Residential Work (Decks, Garage, etc.)
- Residential Renovations (Basement Development, Structural Alterations, etc.)
- Electrical Systems
- Plumbing and Gas Systems
- Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning Systems
- Demolition
- Fireplaces and Wood Burning Appliances

Simple Permit Process

- Talk to a Safety Codes Officer
- Submit an Application (may require a Development Permit)
- Review Process
- Receive Permit
- On-Site Inspections
- Final Approval

Typical Required Plans

All construction plans will be reviewed by a certified Safety Codes Officer to verify that your project meets the minimum standards of construction required by the codes.

- Site Plan
- Floor Plan
- Foundation Plan
- Building Elevations
- Cross Sections
- Structural Details
- Mechanical Information
- Electrical Information
- Professional Endorsement (when required)

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