

Things to consider

- Check for insurance coverage by the WSIB or others.
- Communicate your health and safety expectations, which should include housekeeping issues.
- Ensure you are advised of any injuries or illnesses that occur during the project.
- Ensure your fuel-burning appliances contractor is registered with the Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA).

Did you know?

- A guardrail is required if a worker is at risk of falling more than 3 metres (10 feet). If that's not practical, then a travel-restraint system, fall-arrest system, or safety net must be used.
- Injuries often occur when there's a rush to meet a deadline. You can prevent this by having flexible and reasonable timelines.
- Under the *Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act's Regulations for Construction Projects*, a supervisor is required if there are five or more workers onsite.



Where to find out more

The WSIB's prevention hotline below can provide you with basic health and safety information. The WSIB websites wsib.on.ca and prevent-it.ca have a wealth of information. Using the search box, type in the words "construction safety" and you will find safety information, policy details and contact information.

Contacts

**Workplace Safety and Insurance Board
Prevention Contact Centre:**
1-800-663-6639 1-866-SAFEJOB
wsib.on.ca
prevent-it.ca

**Construction Safety Association
of Ontario**
Toll-free: 1-800-781-2726
csao.org

Ministry of Labour
**Check the blue pages of your
phone book for local offices.**
labour.gov.on.ca

**Technical Standards and
Safety Authority**
Toll-free: 1-877-682-8772
tssa.org

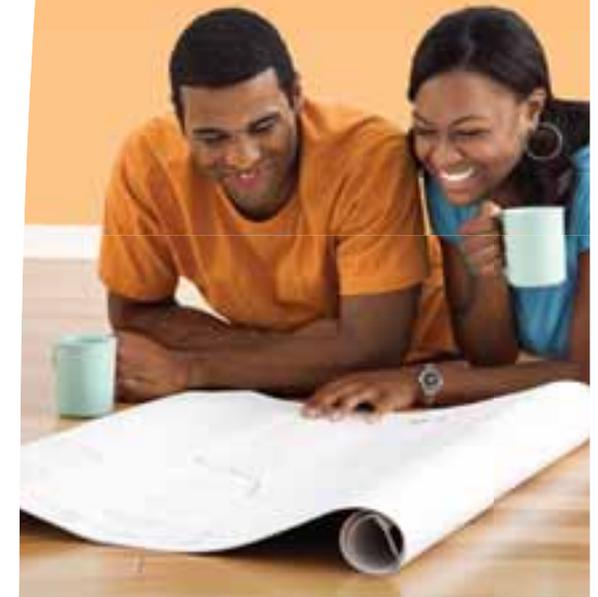


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Planning a
home construction
or renovation
project?



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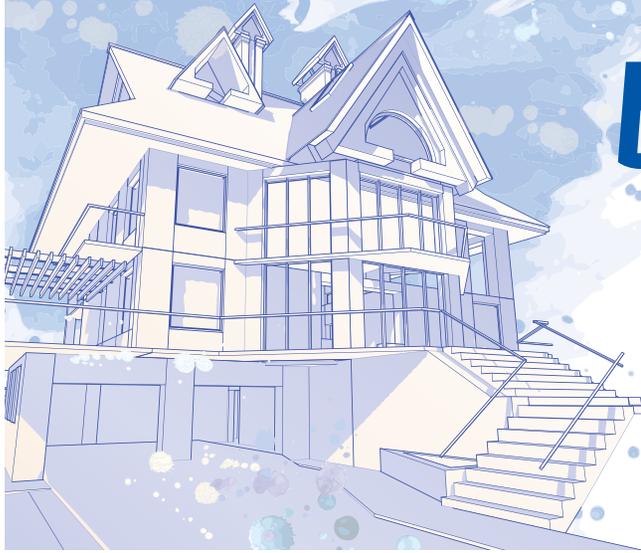


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Focusing on safety can help you avoid problems and stay on track

Hiring safety-minded contractors and workers will not only help protect you from liability, it will also help avoid costly delays due to injuries.

To ensure this:

- ask about their experience and training
- clarify how many workers will be involved and how they'll be supervised
- find out about their health and safety record.

Remember, once your project is underway, your home doubles as a worksite under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

If you undertake all or part of the project, either on your own or by contracting work out to more than one contractor or employer, you become the constructor. This means that if an injury occurs due to unsafe practices, you could be charged and fined.

Plan for safety

Proper planning will help get your project, big or small, off to a good start. Set aside time with your contractor(s) to make sure:

- the proper building permits have been obtained
- the project complies with all zoning by-laws
- specific safety measures are in place and are maintained as the project develops.

Questions you should ask:

How long have they been in business?

What licenses or qualifications do they have?

What education and training, including safety training, do they have?

What is their health and safety record like?

What type of insurance does the worker or company owner have either through the WSIB or another provider?

Planning to build your dream home, finish your basement or add a new deck?

Safety is a team effort, so make sure that everyone on your project works safely from the outset.

As a homeowner, you have a role to play in reducing injuries on the job by ensuring that appropriate safety measures are followed on your worksite.

The Workplace Safety and Insurance Board (WSIB) wants you to be aware of some simple steps you should take to ensure your project runs smoothly and safely.

