

Importance of Safe Construction

The City of Menifee Building and Safety Division would like to remind our residents about the importance of safe construction. There are many important reasons to obtain the required permit(s) and inspections for your construction project. Amongst those reasons are the following...

- **Helps protect property values**
 - Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project was done illegally and does not comply with the building codes adopted by the City of Menifee, the value of your investment could be reduced.
- **Saving money**
 - Insurance companies may not cover work or damages caused by work done without permits and inspections.
- **Makes selling properties easier**
 - When a property is listed for sale, the owners are required to disclose any improvements or repairs made if permits and inspections were obtained. If you decide to sell a home or building that has had modifications without a permit, you may be required to demolish any illegal construction projects, as well as pay more money out of pocket to rectify the issues.
- **Improves safety**
 - Obtaining the proper permits and getting the proper inspections helps reduce potential hazards of unsafe construction. Illegal construction is a danger to the public health and safety. By obtaining the proper permits and inspections, you can guarantee that your project has met the minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, and your friends or future owners.
- **Keeps your contractor honest**
 - If you hire a contractor without first obtaining a permit, they may be inclined to cut corners. This is especially important to keep in mind if a contractor seems very cost oriented. Obtaining a permit and inspections will ensure that a contractor uses safe and standard methods.
- **It's the law**
 - Work requiring permits are made such by City ordinances. Working without the proper permits is illegal and owners/contractors may be subject to demo their project or pay costly fines.



Permits are usually required for the following:

- New buildings and Additions (bedrooms, bathrooms, family rooms, etc.)
- Residential work (patio covers, decks, garages, walls, fireplaces, pools, water heaters, etc.)
- Renovations (garage conversions, basement furnishings, kitchen expansions, reroofing, etc.)
- Electrical systems, Plumbing systems, HVAC (heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning) systems

The best way to find out if you need a permit is to call the building and safety division. Discuss your plans with a staff member before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit. Even if a permit is not needed, they can answer construction questions and may provide valuable advice. Our friendly staff is available Monday – Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. You can contact us via email at building_submittals@cityofmenifee.us, or by phone at (951) 672–6777. For more information regarding permits, you can also visit our helpful webpage at <https://www.cityofmenifee.us/96/Building-Safety>.

