

Permit Frequently Asked Questions:

When do I need a permit?

Generally speaking, whenever building or renovating a structure, you will require one or all of the following permits: Development, Building, Electrical, Gas, Plumbing and/or Private Sewage.

What are the benefits of obtaining a permit?

The major benefits of obtaining a permit is knowing that the installation conforms to the safety standards that have been adopted under the Safety Codes Act, and that inspections will be provide by a certified Safety Codes Officer.

Who can I call if I have questions about my construction project?

Contact Superior Safety Codes and a certified Safety Codes Officer will be happy to assist you.

Is there a difference between a development permit and a building permit?

YES. A development permit deals with such items as zoning, and any restrictions on what type of building you may construct. Development permits are issued by the Municipality.

The building permit allows construction to proceed on condition of compliance with the Alberta Building Code. The building permit will deal with structural integrity and public safety. Building permits are issued by Superior Safety Codes.

What other permits do I require?

Depending on the nature and scope of your project, you may also require electrical, gas, plumbing and sewage permits.

What services do I get with my permit?

Services will include, but are not limited to, a plans review and report, technical advice, site inspections and reports and a final status report (Permits Services Report).

How long are my permits valid?

Work is to commence within 90 days of permit issuance and cannot be abandoned for more than 120 days or the permit may expire. Time extensions may be granted upon written requests.

How much notice does Superior Safety Codes require when I am ready for an inspection?

We request that you give us 2 days notice for proper scheduling. Same day service may be available depending on the Safety Codes Officer's schedule.

I am moving a mobile (or modular) home. Do I need a building permit?

Yes. Your home was built off-site to a standard, however, the onsite work such as foundation/or blocking still requires a permit.

I have an older home that requires updating. Do I need to re-wire/re-plumb the entire house to meet today's standards?

You are only required to bring effected systems up to today's standards. It is however, recommended to bring all systems up to date.

I require a new residential furnace, do I require a permit?

If you have to make alterations to your gas piping and/or venting, you will require a permit.

I am building a deck, do I need a permit?

Yes, if the deck is 2 feet or more off the ground. Ensure you install 36" hand rails and 42" hand rails if the deck is 6 feet or more off the ground. The verticals must have a maximum spacing of 4".