

Safety Codes, Permits and Inspections Alterations / Home Based Business - Final Building Inspection

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Request this inspection when the alterations within a house are completed and before occupying the space.

## **Prepare**

Learn about how to prepare for your inspection.

## **Check**

The following are the most common items audited during this inspection. This list is not exhaustive. Compliance with the applicable codes and standards is required.

- Continuous graspable handrail from landing to landing including through any winder
- Headroom above stairs, under ducts/beams, and general room area
- Correct stair rise and run, including uppermost and bottom treads
- Interconnected smoke alarms hardwired into every room used for sleeping AND in the hallway / between the bedrooms and the general floor area
- Carbon monoxide alarms for any dwelling with an attached garage or a fuel-burning appliance: in every bedroom OR in the hallway/within 5m of bedroom doors, AND any room with a wood-burning fireplace, wood stove or other solid-fuel-burning appliance.
- One window of every sleeping room of an unsprinklered House must provide an unobstructed opening with a minimum area of 0.35m2 ( 3.77 ft2 or 543 in2 ) with no dimensions less than 380 mm (15"). Any window well must extend at least 760mm (30") ahead of the window or outward-swinging sash.
- An exhaust fan or HRV is required in every washroom.
- Any swing, pocket, or bifold door installed on a room containing a furnace must provide min 32" x 78" in open position.
- Insulation |vapour barrier protection behind and within 4 ft of mechanical equipment such as furnace, HWT, etc that require periodic servicing, for at least 4 ft up from floor.
- Any exposed styrofoam or spray foam must have a thermal barrier installed over top. (Roxul, drywall/plywood/OSB and fire-retardant sprays are typical.) Ensure isolation from any return air stream.