

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.