



LIVING IN HOUSE DURING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

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The information provided in this document is general and intended as a guide only. Each project is unique and additional requirements may be enforced as deemed appropriate.

WARNING:

- LIVING IN HOUSE DURING CONSTRUCTION IS **NOT RECOMMENDED**.
- Due to construction impacts, unsafe conditions, and seismic effects/concerns building inspection may require removal of utilities. (Gas, Electric)

GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- Address must clearly be posted.
- Post a sign clearly stating **“HOUSE OCCUPIED”**.
- Smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors shall be fully operational and maintained at all times during construction.
- All access and exists must be clear of construction materials.
- Provide required egress from sleeping rooms. Areas outside of egress windows shall be kept clear to the street.
- Area must be equipped with heat, light and ventilation.
- Provide at least one working bathroom.
- Provide permanent cooking facilities. (Hot plates are not allowed!)
- Provide potable water (hot and cold).
- All gas appliances shall be properly connected, secured and protected.
- Interior construction area shall be separated from living area by a barrier.
- Safeguards shall be taken to prevent small children from entering construction zone.
- **Electrical service** may need to be converted to temporary/construction power.
- Provide protection to the **gas meter** and **electric meter** when subject to damage. Utilities that are deemed unsafe due to construction activity will be removed.
- Occupied area must be weather tight.
- Where construction fencing is installed, provide a man door/gate identified as the **“Occupant’s Entrance.”** Construction and tree fencing must not create unsafe access and egress.