

**DEVELOPMENT SERVICES – BUILDING INSPECTION****INSPECTION GUIDELINES:
LIVING IN HOUSE DURING CONSTRUCTION****INSPECTION CODE:** N/A**SCOPE:** RESIDENTIAL**CODES ENFORCED:** 2016 CBC, CRC, CPC, CMC, CEC, CALGreen, CEnC, and PAMC

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 or unsafe conditions. Building inspectors may require the removal of utilities (gas and electric).

GENERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- Address must clearly be posted.
- Post a sign clearly stating “HOUSE OCCUPIED.”
- 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.
- Separate entrances shall be provided for construction workers and occupants.
- Identify the contractor’s and occupant’s entrances at the structure.
- Smoke alarms shall be fully operational and maintained at all times during construction.
- All access and exits 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 heating, light and ventilation.
- Provide at least one working bathroom.
- Provide permanent cooking facilities. Hot plates are not allowed!

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- 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.
 - Follow the "Existing Electric Service Converted to Temporary Power" handout.
 - 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.