



LIVING IN HOUSE DURING CONSTRUCTION SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

City of Palo Alto (CPA)
Building Inspection Division
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General
Requirements/Checklist for:
Residential

Codes Enforced:
2007 CBC, CEC, CMC, CPC
Palo Alto Municipal Code
(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 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 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!)
- 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. Please follow the “Existing Electric Service Converted to Temporary Power” handout.
- Provide protection to the gas meter and electric meter when subject to damage.
- 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.
- Separate entrances shall be provided for construction workers and occupants. Identify the contractor’s and occupant’s entrances at the structure.