

Questions and Answers regarding Permits

When do you need a permit?

A variety of bylaws and provincial regulations govern when you need a permit. This may also vary with the specific circumstances surrounding your project. It is always best to check with Lac La Biche County before starting any new work.

What type of work requires a permit?

The Safety Codes Act requires that all contractors and homeowners in Alberta obtain permits prior to commencing work on buildings covered by the Alberta Building Code or work governed by the Canadian Electrical Code, the Alberta Gas Code or the Alberta Plumbing Code.

Where can I get a permit?

Permits are available through Lac La Biche County who is accredited to administer the Safety Codes Act; our Safety Codes Agency will provide inspection services on behalf of Lac La Biche County.

Benefits of obtaining a permit

A major benefits of obtaining a permit is to know that the installation will conform to the safety standards that have been adopted under the Safety Codes Act, and that inspection(s) will be provided by certified Safety Codes Officers. If permits are not obtained and the work is not properly installed fixing the incorrect work can lead to additional costs in the future. If a problem should arise, such as an accident due to improper wiring, gas fitting or structural integrity and the proper permits were not in place the insurance company may not cover the accident.

What services can I expect to receive for a permit?

Services that you can normally expect to receive include: a permit, plans examination (if applicable), inspection(s) by certified Safety Codes Officers, inspection report(s), follow-up of deficiencies and/or unsafe conditions, technical advice, and a Permit Services Report at the completion of the project.

In the interest of public safety and as required by the Safety Codes Act construction projects must be covered by the appropriate permits prior to commencement of construction.

Who is responsible to take out the permit?

It is the landowner's responsibility to ensure all permits have been obtained. If the landowner has a contractor do any work it is required that the contractor take out the permit for which the work they are doing. Therefore, they are responsible for the work which is being done. A landowner may request a copy of the issued permit from their contractor or you may contact Lac La Biche County directly to obtain a copy of the permit. For your reference, please ensure as a landowner you have a copy of the issued permit, applicable inspection reports, and Permits Services Report. By having the Permit Services Report; this will indicate that the installation conforms to the safety standards that have been adopted under the Safety Codes Act.

For more information regarding the above please phone (780) 623-1747 or visit the County Centre at 13422 Hwy 881.