



Safety Codes Permits Information Sheet

Safety Codes Permits and Regulations

The Safety Codes Act requires that all contractors and homeowners in Alberta obtain permits prior to commencing work on buildings covered by National Building Code or other Disciplined Codes. Plan reviews and site inspections are provided to ensure that residents and business owners in the M.D. of Bighorn are safe. These permits include building, electrical, plumbing, gas and mechanical disciplines. Each of these disciplines follow its own set of codes, and work must be completed by a qualified trades person.

How to Apply for a Safety Codes Permit?

Alberta Safety Codes Authority (ASCA) assigns an Accredited Agency for all Building, Electrical, Plumbing, Gas, and Septic Permits. Applicants must apply through one of the assigned agencies listed for the M.D. of Bighorn. Note that this list can be found on the ASCA website (link below).

As the applicant or assigned agent, you must use an ASCA Permit Form (link below). The ASCA permit application and required permit documents must be submitted to one of the assigned agencies that are listed. The assigned agent will also collect the fees based on the ASCA fee schedule.

The agency is responsible for issuance of your safety codes permit, to provide the required site inspections by a Safety Codes Officer, and to deem your project complete and safe to occupy.

You may also contact these agencies for any inquiries regarding the National Building Code or which supporting documents are required with your application.

When is a Building Permit required?

Examples of projects that require a building permit:

- New buildings or structures;
- Retaining walls over 1.2 meters in height;
- Swimming pools or hot tubs;
- Demolitions;
- Building relocation's;
- Repairs or alterations to existing buildings and structures;
- Change of occupancy or use of a space;
- Temporary structures (i.e. tents or work camps)

For all new residential, industrial, and commercial projects, an approved development permit is required before a safety codes permit can be issued. Most tenant improvements and repair projects generally do not require a development permit, unless the work being done alters the approved development permit or includes structural alterations.

List of Accredited Agencies for a Building, Electrical, Gas, and/or Plumbing Permits.

Search for "Bighorn No. 8, Municipal District of" for accredited agencies that offer Building, Electrical, Plumbing, and Gas Permits.

<https://www.safetycodes.ab.ca/permits-inspections/where-to-get-a-permit/>

Applications forms for Building, Electrical, Gas, and Plumbing Permits.

Please contact an accredited agency for updated application forms.

ASCA Safety Codes Fee Schedule.

Please contact an accredited agency for updated fee schedules.



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