

NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD INDUSTRY BULLETIN

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BOARD REMINDS CONTRACTORS PULLING PERMITS IS REQUIRED BY LAW

LAS VEGAS and RENO, Nev. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) reminds contractors they face fines and disciplinary action for not pulling the required permits before commencing their projects. With the state of the construction industry remaining vibrant, it is imperative contractors follow the code of the local jurisdiction and pull the necessary permits. Pulling permits protects the health and safety of the public as well as safeguards a contractor's financial interests and license status.

What Are and Why Building Permits?

- Building permits are a legal authorization for a licensed contractor to perform work, and are granted by a local government or regulatory body.
- Nevada law requires contractors to pull permits prior to commencing construction.
- Requirements for building permits may differ by jurisdiction and it is the responsibility of the contractor to know these conditions.

Pulling Permits is Required by Law

- NRS 624.3011(2) If a contractor performs construction without obtaining any necessary building permit, there is a rebuttable presumption that the contractor willfully and deliberately violated the building laws of this State or of its political subdivisions.
- Pulling the necessary permits before beginning construction is one of the key responsibilities of a licensed contractor.
- Contractors who avoid pulling permits are subject to stiff fines and disciplinary action from the Board.
- Operating without permits is dangerous and a liability to all involved.

Contractors Must Follow Provisions of a Building Permit

- The project must follow the description of work outlined in the application.
- The work must be completed within the validity period outlined on the permit.
- Once the work is completed, a contractor must schedule and complete an inspection to finalize the permit.
- Proper inspections mitigate the risk of injury or death of an employee, customer, or a member of the public as a result of a project or faulty work.

Consequences for Contractors When Permits Are Not Pulled

- Fines.
- Suspension or revocation of license.
- Costly demolition and/or duplication of work to complete and meet inspection.

Remember, knowing what permits are required for a project is the duty of the contractor. The Board encourages contractors to contact the appropriate jurisdiction to find specific guidelines on permitting their project. By following laws, regulations, and the guidelines of governing jurisdictions, contractors protect the integrity of the industry and the health and safety of the public. We appreciate your compliance.

The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit <u>www.nscb.nv.gov</u>.

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