



Vermont Department of Public Safety
DIVISION OF FIRE SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL, THE STATE FIRE ACADEMY AND THE STATE HAZ-MAT TEAM



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CODE INFORMATION SHEET

PERMIT & LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

When do you need a state permit or license?

	DFS State Construction Permit	DFS Electrical		DFS Plumbing		Notes
		State Permit	License	State Permit	License	
Projects within a Single Family Owner- Occupied home that includes: new construction, alterations, renovations or the installation of fixtures.	NO	NO	NO	Yes*	Yes*	*Only if connected to a public water or sewer system
Projects within a Rental Property or Apartment Buildings having more than two units that includes: new construction, alterations, renovations or the installation of fixtures.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Projects within a Duplex or a Rental single family home that includes: new construction, alterations, renovations or the installation of fixtures.	Yes	Yes	NO	Yes	Yes	
Maintenance projects with in a public building such as painting, replacement of broken fixtures with fixture that is an exact match.	NO	NO	Yes	NO	Yes	
Public Building Renovations, Additions, Alterations, Modifications and New Building Projects. See Annex I in Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code for definition of Public Building	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Includes Fire protection systems, Fire alarm system, Fire sprinkler, Kitchen hood & suppression, Elevators Ect.
The erection of temporary tents greater than 1,200 square feet in a public location	Yes	Yes	Yes	X	X	

Vermont Fire and Building Safety Code section 7 (1) The owner, or a designated representative, of a building or premises shall obtain a construction permit before beginning any construction, addition, alteration, demolition or installation of fixed building equipment at the building site unless specifically waived by the AHJ.