## What are the Main Benefits of Choosing a Registered Builder Over DIY?

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Building a new home or renovating your existing property can be an immensely rewarding experience, but it can also be fraught with peril. At first blush, choosing the DIY route can seem like a cost-effective method of cutting expenses while taking an active role in creating your dream home. All too often, however, dreams of DIY home renovations end in a nightmare for property owners.

## **Dangers of DIY Owner Building**

Entering into a home renovation or extension project as an owner-builder without the right level of experience can easily cause costs to rise well above the original estimate for working with a registered builder. Sub-par workmanship and costly mistakes alone can be expensive to rectify, and there are also potential legal implications to consider when filing permits as an owner-builder.



When you choose to take on home renovations as an owner-builder, you are essentially accepting all liability and related risk normally shouldered by a registered builder. Another consideration many prospective owner builders fail to recognize is the investment of time required to successfully complete even a relatively small-scale project.

## **Benefits of Working with Registered Builders**



Hiring a registered builder to oversee your project not only helps to absolve you from most future liability related to the construction, but also provides you with much needed assistance in regard to building requirements, inspections and approvals.

The average homeowner who decides to take on the burden of acting as owner-builder must be aware of and understand a wide variety of specifications. Everything from post sizes to the height of balustrades is regulated for safety, and simply learning the regulations can be a full time job. This is where choosing to instead work with a registered builder can save time and money in the long run.

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