

I want to renovate. Do I need a contract?

Renovations

You've bought a "new to you home" and it could use some updates. Or maybe, you want to breathe new life into your existing home.



Contract

It is very important to have a written contract with your contractor before you begin renovations. You will also need to put into writing any changes that inevitably happen as the project progresses. Key terms are the time frames, scope of work, supply of materials and labour, insurance and payments. Other considerations are WSIB (worker safety insurance) and HST (sales tax).

Construction Act

The Construction Act (formerly Construction Lien Act) provides for rights between owners and contractors, including payment obligations and a contractor's right to register a lien against your property in the event of non-payment.

If you are an owner or a contractor, you should consult a lawyer.

Contact Kraemer LLP today and let *Our Lawyers* advise you on this and any other legal questions you may have.



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