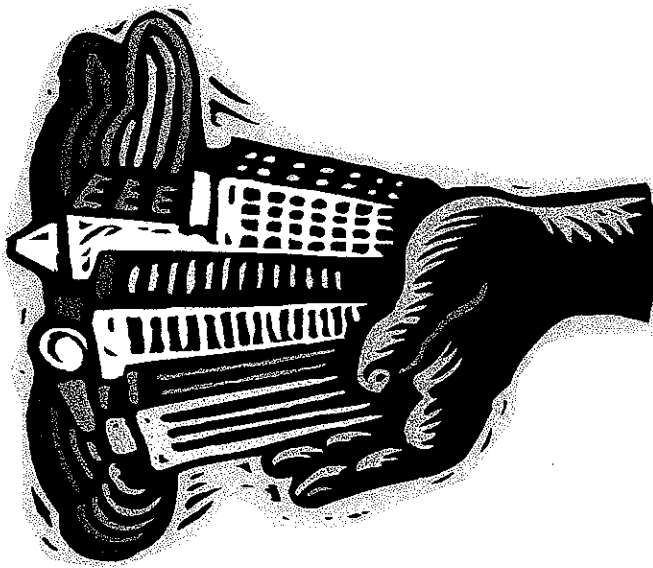
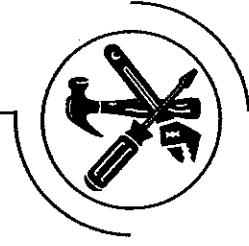
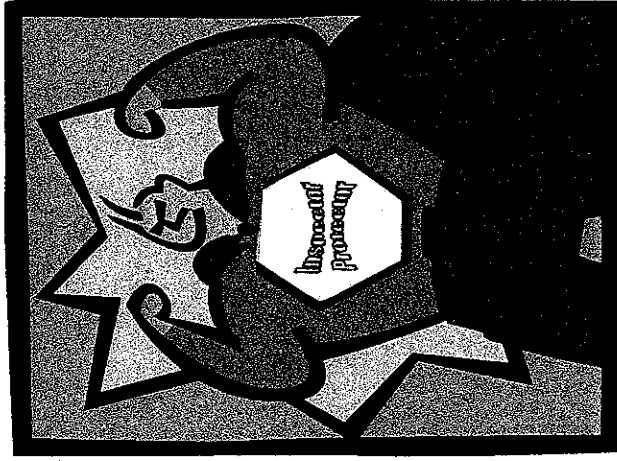


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**Balance safety &
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**Protecting You and
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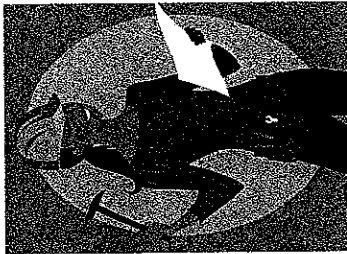
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Be Safe...Plan, Inspect and Live with confidence

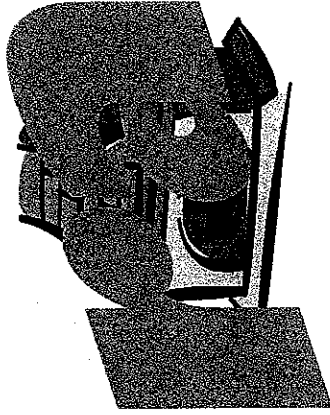
Building Codes and those who enforce them are working to protect you and your family at home, work, or play. Code compliant building components are protecting your loved ones at this very moment. Every time you take a drink of water, turn on a light switch, breathe indoor air, walk down a set of stairs, or perform any variety of maneuvers inside a structure Building Codes are at work.



Plan ahead. Obtaining building permit and calling for inspections are proactive steps to protect your family.

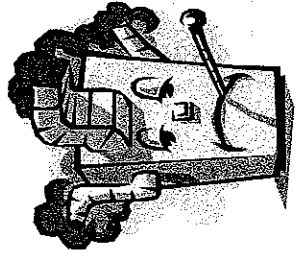
The Best Defense

Permits are required for anything from large commercial facilities to residential remodels. Permits and inspections cover most building, plumbing, mechanical, and electrical installations. Once a permit is issued, inspections are made during the course of construction. While this is not a guarantee the structure is defect-free, it does allow for oversight by a professional who has no monetary interest in the project.



Set a Good Example

Some well intentioned homeowners or builders will ignore the code requirements because they are costly or inconvenient. It is similar to a seat belt or air bag in a vehicle; sometimes it is inconvenient and it adds to the overall price of the vehicle. However, a seat belt or air bag can reduce injury



or save a life. Building Codes are no different; they protect the health and safety of our families.

No Regrets

Make sure you or your contractor purchases a permit and receives the appropriate inspections. Not only is it the law, but it could save a loved one from injury or even death.

Many Individuals do not understand Building Codes or even know they exist. Many view permits as just 'another tax'. The truth is permit fees are paid for by the builder or owner doing the work. The fees pay for the review of plans and the actual inspection of the work being done. If you have paid someone to build or remodel your house, he or she should have a permit. If you ask, they should be able to provide verification of the permit and inspections. Someone is paying for this service.

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