



Renovation Tips – Who is watching your contractor?



“When you’re paying for professional work on a home renovation, you deserve high quality work and a timely turnaround... So, how can you ensure that you are getting what you’re paying for ?”

Have you ever thought about turning your humble abode into a “dream home” ? Renovations can turn out to be a great experience, a nearly magical transformation of your home. However, they can also be a big headache if you hire the wrong contractor and/or are unable to keep an eye on daily progress...

My question to you is who’s watching the contractor ?

Are they knocking off early ?

Are they working at maximum efficiency ?

Are they invoicing you for work which was not even completed ?

Is anyone monitoring the quality of the workmanship ?

Are they respecting your home & privacy ?

We advise all our clients to hire a consultant to monitor the work site before, during and after renovation work to ensure they are getting what they are paying for. A consultant with only your best interest in mind will ensure the job is finished and done right before you ever hand the cheque over to the contractor.

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What to look out for during a renovation:

Lessons learned from projects we’ve had to RESCUE clients from...

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- Hire a professional [Home & Property Consultant](#) as your pair of eyes.
- Once we have made our assessment, discuss any problems with the contractor and the quality of their work. Discuss what mistakes were made and what steps will be taken to correct the issue. Discuss the deadline for corrections to be made and note if the contractor is being cooperative or not.
- Take pictures to document progress at every stage of the renovation project.
- Mistakes do happen even with the best contractors.
- Some mistakes are easy to hide from the lay person (*i.e. electrical, plumbing*) especially once the drywall is installed.
- Are permits taken out; will your insurance be void, if they are not?
- Are there 'add-ons' you're faced with really necessary?
- What time are the workers to signing on /off from work?
(*Are they in full compliance with your contract agreement?*)
- Don't let things get from bad-to-worse and end-up in court, or costing you extra.
- Keep control of the project and maintain the power!
- Don't ever allow yourself to be bullied or pressured!
- Ensure the invoices are accurate and you're not overpaying!
- Be aware that “The City” is not mandated to look out for you.
- Know your rights; wise to seek legal advice before commencing.

Need an advocate? Contact us today!

