

## INSPECTION FAQs

### **Why can't I have an inspection?**

Governor Inslee has issued a [Clarification Order](#) that states, "construction is not considered an essential activity." As a result, all construction – residential and commercial – must shut down during the two weeks in which the order is in place. *Conducting building inspections would be a violation of this Order.*

### **Are there any exceptions?**

Yes, there are essentially three exceptions:

- *Certain low income funded housing projects*
- *Necessary to prevent spoliation*
- *Emergency health and safety repairs*

### **What kinds of things qualify for the housing exception?**

*Certain "low income" housing construction projects that are either federally funded or receive federal subsidies for qualifying individuals and communities. Examples include certain self-help homes and projects administered by the housing authority.*

### **What kinds of things qualify for protection against spoliation?**

- *Finishing roof repair or roof replacement on existing finished building*
- *Failure of freezer or refrigeration equipment in stores and warehouses*
- *Window or door replacement in progress on a finished building sufficient to close the openings*
- *Completion of a retaining wall or site grading where a slide or severe erosion might occur without its completion*
- *Securing a building after fire, collision or weather damage*

### **What kinds of things qualify for a health or life safety exception?**

- *Failure of the HVAC system in a home and there is no other method of heating*
- *Failure of gas, sewer or septic systems, plumbing or potable water systems*
- *Emergency repairs to structural damage caused by fire, weather or other event*
- *To prevent accidents due to unsafe conditions like falling through openings or off elevated surfaces and access to dangerous machinery or processes*
- *If you would like to see if you can qualify for a construction related inspection please [CLICK HERE](#)*

### **Can I go ahead with the construction and get a private third party to come out and look at my work?**

*No. Continuing with any type of non-essential service including building construction would be a violation of the Governor's proclamation and may put others at risk of spreading contracting the virus. The county urges everyone to comply with the spirit and letter of the proclamation to stop the spread and speed recovery from this pandemic episode.*

### **What happens if I don't comply with the proclamation and just go ahead with my project?**

*Continuing non-essential functions in violation of the Governor's proclamation is not only the wrong thing to do, it is against the law (a gross misdemeanor). The county urges everyone to comply with the spirit and letter of the proclamation to stop the spread and speed recovery from this pandemic episode.*

### **Who enforces these rules?**

*The State Patrol, county sheriff or any other law enforcement agency can enforce the provisions. Law enforcement has many other things to do and we would all appreciate your compliance with the provisions of the proclamation so that we can all return to normal as quickly as possible.*

### **Who can I talk to about this?**

*For additional information, please call Kitsap 1 at (360) 337-5777.*