



Madison County Building Department

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Per the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code:

Application for a permit shall be made to the building official and a permit shall be obtained prior to the commencement of any of the following activities:

1. **Construction or demolition of a building or structure.** Construction is defined as the construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, or conversion of buildings and structures.
2. **For a change of occupancy.**
3. **Movement of a lot line that increases the hazard to or decreases the level of safety of an existing building or structure** in comparison to the building code under which such building or structure was constructed.
4. **Removal or disturbing of any asbestos containing materials** during the construction or demolition of a building or structure, including additions.

Certain work or activities are exempt from the Virginia USBC; and certain work is exempt from the requirement to obtain a permit and have inspections performed. However, any and all work covered by the code must still comply with the requirements of the Virginia USBC.

Note: all work or development in a FEMA designated special flood hazard area (flood zone) must be permitted. Development means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate. **A Flood Zone Development Permit is required for all work in a flood zone.**

Working without a permit will result in a Stop Work Order being issued and a Notice of Violation being issued. Additional fees will be assessed as well.

If you are unsure if a permit is required or would like assistance or clarification, please call the Madison County Building Department at: 540-948-6102

The purpose of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.