

About Your Safety

Safety and Building Codes

Home building is inherently dangerous. From accidents with power tools to falls from ladders, scaffolds, and roofs, builders risk serious injury and even death. We try to promote safe work habits through our articles. But what is safe for one builder under certain circumstances may not be safe for you under different circumstances. So don't try anything you learn about here (or elsewhere) unless you're certain that it is safe for you. Please be careful.

This archive contains articles drawn from the first 22 years of the magazine's history. The fundamental lessons of the articles are as valid today as they were when they first appeared. But in some cases, seismic requirements, energy-related details, or other techniques may be out of step with codes in your area. Be sure to check with your local building department for current requirements.

— Kevin Ireton, editor in chief of *Fine Homebuilding* magazine

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