



# Township of Puslinch

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## Occupancy Requirements for Residential Buildings

Section 11 of the Building Code Act, requires that a new house must be completed and inspected before occupancy can legally take place. In order to assist you in completing and moving into your new home without undue delay, without possible legal charges, and without ensuing court action – PLEASE TAKE CAREFUL NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING

- A. MINIMUM BUILDING Code Requirements (items that MUST BE COMPLETED) before occupancy can legally take place:
1. All interior and exterior steps, stairs, landings and balconies must be completed.
  2. All interior and exterior stair handrails; landing, porch and balcony guards must be installed in accordance with Building Code requirements.
  3. Walls between living areas and attached garage must be gas tight and doors from garage to living area must be weather-stripped and provided with a self-closing device.
  4. Product of combustion (fire/smoke) detectors must be installed and in working condition.
  5. Central heating system must be completed and operational.
  6. Kitchen sink must be installed with hot and cold water supply and drain connection. Kitchen range exhaust ductwork, where applicable, must be installed in accordance with Building Code requirements.
  7. One washroom must be completed with hot and cold water supply (connections to toilet, basin, bathtub or shower). Bathroom must have water resistant flooring, exhaust fan (if applicable) and must be complete with door.
  8. Basement/crawl space insulation must be installed and protected from damage or fire by a covering of gypsum board or equal. Insulation protected with a minimum 8-mil poly vapor barrier is not required to be protected by other means.
  9. Sump pump pit (where applicable) must be fitted with protective cover.
  10. Electrical light fixtures-both interior and exterior, must be completed and functional as required by Ontario Building Code.
  11. All exterior brickwork and siding must be completed, as well as caulking around perimeter of all doors, windows, and other openings.
  12. Thermal resistance ratings of all doors and windows must comply with Building Code requirements. Doors that do not meet the required thermal resistance ratings must be equipped with storm doors.