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Contractor Licensing

Understanding  
Building Laws  
in the State of Alaska

# General Contractor

## AS 08.18.011

- Required to have a business license in Alaska
- **MUST** have a State Certificate of Registration as a Contractor
- **MUST** have a bond and insurance
- **MAY NOT** undertake the construction or alteration of a privately owned residential structure of one to four units or advertise to do this work without a Residential Contractor Endorsement
- “Handymen” **ARE NOT** allowed to contract\* on a project which has a total **OVERALL VALUE** of \$10,000, such as a new home or renovation
- A “Handyman” **CAN NOT** act as a general contractor or be sub-contracted on a new home, commercial structure or renovation unless they hold a current contractor registration

\*Local laws may have further restrictions

# Residential Contractor

## AS 08.18.025

- Required to have a business license in Alaska
- **MUST** have a State Certificate of Registration as a Contractor with a Residential Contractor Endorsement
- **MUST** have a bond and insurance
- **MUST** pass a Residential Endorsement Exam
- **MUST** take a course in arctic engineering or the Alaska Craftsman Home Program or the equivalent to either
- **MUST** take continuing competency education relating to residential contracting 16 contact hours every two years

# Builder\*\*

## AS 08.18.161(12)

- An owner who acts as his own contractor is limited to building:

**(1) ONE HOME**  
four-plex or

**(1) ONE COMMERCIAL BUILDING**

\*\*The changes to Alaska Statute 08.18.125 went into effect on June 21, 2006, which put in place a civil penalty of \$1000 for violation of one offense and \$1500 for two or more offenses. This is in addition to any other punitive damages.