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## ***BASEMENT ALTERATION BASIC REQUIREMENTS***

**2018 International Residential Code is being used now.**

1. Submit a permit application. Try to include some framing details which indicate that you understand the concept of fireblocking like the location and materials used. The framing inspection will heavily target life safety issues like fireblocking.
2. Enclosed storage under the stairs shall be drywalled.
3. Wait for the permit. 15 business days maximum but I doubt it will be a week.
4. Sleeping rooms require emergency escape and rescue openings.
5. Sleeping rooms require a smoke detector and a carbon monoxide detector outside the door if you burn gas, oil or have an attached garage.
6. You are responsible for getting a rough and final electrical inspection from a third party of your choice. Your electrician probably has their preferred one.
7. Putting furnaces and water heaters in a confined space usually requires additional combustion air. There are many options so please ask during the framing inspection.
8. Underground plumbing must be inspected before you bury it.
9. Put a real e-mail address on the application. It's easier than numerous phone calls.
10. If your basement has a fire sprinkler system, the new walls or dropped ceilings may not affect the sprinkler operation. If they do, you must have the sprinklers re-evaluated by a competent sprinkler company to assure compliance with NFPA 13D