



Renovating Safely

Products and procedures to put safety first in your DIY projects.

How To Keep Your Family Safe Whilst Renovating Your Home

The importance of working responsibly whilst renovating your home cannot be stressed enough. Your aim should be to keep risk, frustration and mess to a minimum. This can be achieved with effective planning. The fun part is deciding on what needs to be done, choosing the colour, design and buying the necessary materials. The choice is yours whether to go DIY or select a professional [remodeling company](#).

Your home is your haven, with safety procedures in place you can enjoy the progress and look forward to comparing the before and after, without accidents, setbacks and frustration of an extended completion deadline. Tidying pots of paint, primer, etc away, folding up ladders at the end of the day and other basic housekeeping tasks will avoid accident risk. Set up a temporary kitchen, dining room or lounge in another part of the house away from the activity. If young children are on-site make sure tools, power equipment and materials are not accessible to them.

Use good quality equipment

Decide on which rooms require remodelling and if you are experienced enough to carry out the work, or whether you should choose a remodelling company to undertake the renovations. If you choose DIY a must is the table-mounted Sawstop for cutting wood.

According to the [Sawstop review](#), it has the amazing safety feature of sensing skin and will immediately power off, if your fingers go near the blade. [Good quality equipment](#) is the key to success. Some equipment is suited for occasional household tasks as well as the bigger renovations, so choose wisely for items to be cost-effective.

Sander safety

Renovating can be fun. Big boys love toys and in fact, even some girls get excited with a sander in their hands, with the prospect of sanding and changing the look of the wooden item. Safety is the key with power tools. Always read the instructions before using any power tool. A pair of goggles is a must to protect your eyes from the sawdust a sander creates.

Using sandpaper is laborious, instead, use a powered Sander in preparation of wooden floors or furniture before varnishing. An electric sander is perfect to smooth the wall surface after primer before you paint.

Power Drills

A power drill is another must-have. A cordless drill will be even more convenient than worrying about the length of the power cord. Choose a drill with a high enough voltage to meet your renovation needs. If you are laying decking or drilling into walls, you don't want to burn out the motor if you only have a low voltage drill. Before use always read the Power Drill instructions. Power drills can be used to remove old grouting before retiling, to hang pictures, or doors and in woodwork such as building cupboards or assembling decking.

Angle Grinders

If tiling is to be done, the power tool you will need is an angle grinder, perfect for cutting tiles. Please read instructions carefully before use and do not use it if you are not familiar with this tool. The angle grinder like any power tool comes with risks during use. For safety, during use the angle grinder must not be used near flammable chemicals as sparks are created. Bear in mind the spinning disc can slip amputating limbs or fingers, so extreme care must be taken. An angle grinder can also be used to polish metal or remove rust.

When it comes to choosing which paint to buy, AFM Safecoat products should be your first choice for a non-toxic environment. They are the leading provider of environmentally responsible, sustainable and non-polluting paint (amongst other finishes).

AFM Safecoat keeps the DIY enthusiast safe whilst painting without odor, no more paint headaches from the lingering smell. Safe odor-free for the baby's nursery as this product is free from off-gassing and therefore will not aggravate babies and sensitive customers prone to allergies. Safecoat Zero VOC paint is made without formaldehyde preservatives and does not contaminate and is odor-free.

Paints manufactured by AFM Safecoat do not contain any toxins and are formulated with concern to human health. Tinting can be done without compromising the safety of the paint. AFM Safecoat is durable and of high quality for a long-lasting finish that will look good for years. Choose your type of paint from Safecoat Flat, Pearl, Eggshell or Semi-Gloss finish. For your renovations, Safecoat Zero Voc paint is manufactured for not only interior walls but also for exterior walls. Using AFM Safecoat paint you will also be environmentally responsible by using green building products.

To help you to decide why not read up on how [AFM Safecoat](#) provides the highest quality and least toxic paints on the planet, solving indoor off-gassing problems. What better way to keep your family safe whilst renovating your home and improving your living space, with the addition of a product to improve the general health of your home. AFM Safecoat is part of the Color Guild and even provides a colorist to assist you with your paint choice for your decor.