



It might not be as easy as it looks on TV or YouTube.

Homeowners may be tempted to tackle some home projects on their own, either to save money, enjoy a challenge, or customize their space. However, some projects are beyond the scope of DIY and require professional expertise, experience, and equipment. Trying to do these projects without proper skills or guidance can result in poor quality work, wasted time and money, or even serious injuries or damages.

Some of the projects homeowners should leave to professionals:

Anything with wires. Electrical work is one of the most dangerous and complicated types of home projects. It involves working with high voltage wires, circuits, outlets, switches, and panels that can cause electrocution, fire, or power surges if not handled correctly. Electrical work also requires following strict codes and regulations to ensure safety and compliance. Homeowners should never attempt to replace burned outlets, wire new appliances, install lighting fixtures, or fix a faulty circuit breaker without a licensed electrician or engineer.

Anything with pipes. Plumbing work is another type of home project that can go wrong quickly if done by amateurs. It involves working with pipes, valves, faucets, drains, toilets, showers, and water heaters that can leak, burst, clog, or overflow if not installed or repaired properly. Plumbing work also requires following codes and regulations to ensure sanitation and efficiency.

Homeowners should never attempt to install a new shower or toilet, replace a main pipe, fix a leaky faucet, or unclog a drain without a licensed plumber.

Anything with gas. Gas work is one of the most hazardous and complex types of home projects. It involves working with gas lines, valves, appliances, furnaces, fireplaces, and water heaters that can explode, ignite, or emit carbon monoxide if not handled correctly. Gas work also requires following codes and regulations to ensure safety and compliance.

Homeowners should never attempt to install a new gas appliance, replace a gas valve, fix a gas leak, or service a gas furnace or water heater without a licensed gas fitter or technician.