

# **Inspection of Existing Structures**

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## **Subject**

The Washoe County Department of Building & Safety will not make inspections on existing structures for the purpose of advising buyers, contractors, mortgage companies or homeowners whether the structure is in compliance with the codes. Inspections are made on structures under construction, pursuant to a current and valid permit, until a Certificate of Occupancy is issued. After the Certificate of Occupancy is issued, the Washoe County Department of Building & Safety will not make inspections unless there is a reason to believe that a hazard or dangerous condition exists.

## **Background**

During the purchase of a home or office complex, the perspective buyer will often request that the Washoe County Department of Building & Safety make an inspection to verify code compliance. This is not a service defined in the code or authorized by the Washoe County Code. The use of a private inspection firm or architect/engineer is recommended.