

In an effort to maintain a safe construction site and in the interest of health and safety, below are some items that will benefit yourself, your client, and all of your workers. While the City of Pickering has policies in place to ensure the safety of inspection staff, it is your responsibility to maintain a clean and safe worksite.

Please be mindful of the following:

### **Guards**

All respective handrails and supports are to be installed and maintained in accordance to Ministry of Labour (MOL) guidelines prior to any inspections. In the event that these safety measures have not been undertaken, your inspection will be cancelled and you must reschedule once the site has been made safe.

### **Spray Foam Installation**

The manufacture specifications indicate a minimum of 24 hours is required before occupancy. Accordingly, City staff will not carry out inspections until 24 hours after the installation of spray foam. This time also affects workers and home owners. Please be mindful when scheduling your inspections.

### **Fencing**

Please note that the City of Pickering Building By-law 7362/14 identifies the need for construction fencing. This is to be erected in areas where a hazard presents itself as a result of the construction activity taking place. Open excavations, demolitions, and general construction sites are required to observe this requirement.

### **Precautions During Excavations**

The Ontario Building Code identifies the following: “Every excavation shall be undertaken in such a manner as to prevent damage to adjacent property, existing structures, utilities, roads and sidewalks at all stages of construction”. Ontario Building Code reference 9.12.1.4.(1). “Material shall not be placed nor shall equipment be operated or placed in or adjacent to an excavation in a manner that may endanger the integrity of the excavation or its supports”. Ontario Building Code reference 9.12.1.4.(2). Accordingly, inspection staff may require you to produce documentation or other information to ensure that appropriate measures have been undertaken safely during the excavation.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Building Services at 905.420.4631 for further information.