

# The Key to Successful Renovation: Build Trust with an Expert Team

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Whether you are planning to renovate your own home or the home of someone you love, you will need to make sure that you can trust your expert team. Here are some tips to help you do this.



## Protect Your Home from Break-Ins

Whether you're going on vacation or you've been a victim of a burglary, there are some steps you can take to protect your home from break-ins. If you need help with what to do, consider using an expert team to help you with your [kitchen renovation](#).

First, you should ensure that your home has the proper locks on its doors and windows. These are the most accessible places for thieves to enter your home. It would be best if you also reinforced your doors with deadbolts. Finally, for an extra layer of security, install a lockbox that allows you to store valuables.

You should also install door sensors that alert you when someone enters or leaves your home. It would be best if you also kept your windows and blinds closed. Keep your yard trimmed, and avoid leaving overgrown bushes around your house. These bushes provide hiding places for intruders. You should also install a motion-sensing outdoor light. It will deter prowlers and make it appear as though you are home.

## **Avoid Working with Designers or Architects Who May Not Have a Current Idea of the Cost of Implementing the Renovation Project**

A budget can help determine how much to spend on your renovation project. However, it would be best not to rely on it to cover the entire project. It would be best if you also had a contingency built into your budget. It is best to leave at least 15-20% of your budget as a contingency. If you go over this amount, you may have to pay more.

Your architect may also provide you with contingencies for bidding, price escalation, and design changes. They may also review your Cost Consultant's estimates for guidance. You may also need to pay for market conditions or preliminary estimates changes. If you are unsure how much you should spend, it is best to work with an architect or designer who knows how to estimate the cost of a renovation project.

## **Order Fixtures, Appliances, Flooring and Tiles Early in the Renovation Process**

Whether you're building a new home or simply sprucing up your current abode, it's always a good idea to consider the benefits of having a professional in your corner. In addition to saving you time and money, a team of professionals can also provide peace of mind. Not only will they ensure your renovation is completed on time and within budget, but they will also make sure you are happy with the result.

Before you start shopping for contractors, make sure you know what the best ones are. Your first stop should be a local home improvement trade association, which will have an exhaustive list of reputable local professionals. Then, after you've whittled your list down to three or four, you can start comparing bids.