# THE INSPECTION PROCESS: KEEPING YOU SAFE

Safe construction takes a team of building professionals in partnership with the government. Private sector and government agency inspections are critical to the process.

### WHO PLAYS A ROLE?

INVESTORS (PS) Invests money into a construction project

**DEVELOPER (PS)** Fiduciary responsibility to investors



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**ARCHITECT/INTERIOR DESIGNER (PS)** Legal responsibility to design the overall building to code standards



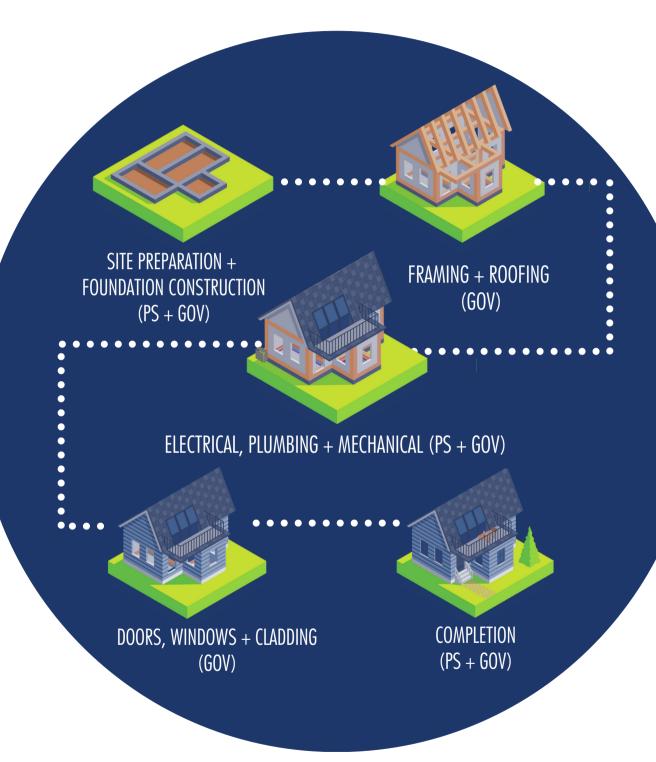
#### **PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER (PS)**

Legal responsibility to design structural elements within basic engineering principles and/or code minimums

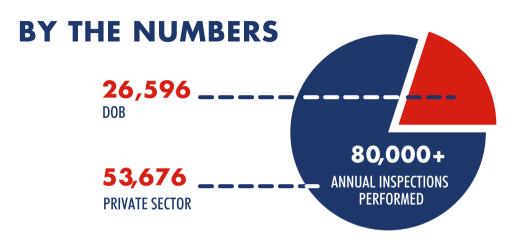


#### GENERAL CONTRACTOR (PS)

Legal responsibility to build according to design plans and code minimum standards and obtain and pass required inspections



PS = private sector | GOV = government



The private sector completes  $\frac{2}{3}$  of total inspections, while DOB conducts  $\frac{1}{3}$ 

## WHAT TYPES OF INSPECTIONS?



#### **SPECIAL INSPECTIONS (PS)**

Private-sector specialists engage to verify critical building elements are built structurally to appropriate technical standards. Examples include:

- Concrete strength tests
- Foundation load tests
- High load diaphragms



#### **REGULATORY INSPECTIONS (GOV)**

Government regulatory inspections are conducted to confirm legal code compliance during construction and at project completion, and if applicable, enable the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy. Examples include:

- Plumbing rough-in inspections
- Mechanical inspections
- Electrical rough-ins and final inspections
- Building final inspections



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