



## *6 THINGS TO CONSIDER PRIOR TO COMMENCING YOUR NEW PROJECT*

### **1) CAN I DO THIS IS ON MY OWN?**

Whilst it is very tempting to tackle a home renovation project on your own and for some people it works, for most us it's better to let the experts handle it. For example, would you put a cast on yourself if you had broken your leg, of course not you let the experts do it!

### **2) CAN I AFFORD IT?**

Do you have funds in place or is this something you need to investigate? It is easy to adjust on cosmetic parts of your project, different tiles or carpet. However, cutting corners and budgets on structural works when your project is in process often ends up being even more costly and time consuming.

### **3) DO I HAVE TIME?**

Ask Anyone who has been involved in a building project and it usually takes longer than you would think. From your initial ideas to building contractors finishing you are usually looking at months of work ahead.

### **4) WHAT RULES AND LEGISLATION AM I DEALING WITH?**

The chances are for most renovation or building projects there is permission required or authority that needs to be aware of it. Whether its knocking down walls or building an extension, you may need Planning permission or Building Control Inspectors to sign off the work.

### **5) CAN I KNOCK DOWN THIS WALL?**

Some walls are in a home for a reason. While some walls do just divide rooms, others are providing structural support. Do you want to take the risk of taking down a wall that is supporting your roof or the floor above?

### **6) IS THERE ASBESTOS IN MY HOME?**

Depending on when your home was built there is the possibility of asbestos being present. Preparations is everything when dealing with asbestos.