



# *Legal Considerations*

The Basics



# *Regulatory requirements*

- Each profession and industry is subject to different regulatory requires
- Regulations ensure the industry has an even playing field, practitioners meet certain skills and knowledge baseline as well as are held accountant in case of a breach of code of conduct or malpractice
- Each province has regulatory bodies for certain professions
  - This may be subject to change should inter-provincial barriers be addressed or reduced
- Each municipality also has its health and construction codes/by-laws. You will need to check with your local municipality to ensure you meet their specifications
  - Some municipalities require registration of all home-based businesses
  - Other municipalities do not

# *Where to find support*

- See [this tool](#) to help you navigate provincial and federal regulations
- Seek out professional associations in your sector
- Hire a lawyer who specialises in your sector
- If constructing a location, hire an architect and someone who is expert in local zoning matters

Such experts may include but not limited to urban planners, real estate lawyers, commercial real estate agents



# *How to stay up to date on regulations*



- Join a professional association
- Attend professional development sessions
- Hire a professional (accountant, lawyer, etc.) to keep you informed
- Read newsletters or industry-related media websites
- Allocate time on a monthly basis to read, network, attend industry-related webinars to keep current
- Budget resources (time and money and personnel) to handle regulatory requirements
  - Licenses
  - Inspections
  - Permits
  - Zoning amendments
  - Etc.