

RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTORS

Replacing a heating, ventilating,
or air-conditioning system?

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Make sure you follow these 3 steps:

1. Get a building permit.
2. Test the duct system and verify refrigerant charge.
3. Have your work independently verified.

California law requires a building permit for this type of work. The Contractors State License Board may impose civil penalties of up to \$5,000 per citation and/or revoke your license if you do not get a permit. You may also be subject to fines from your local building department.

In most existing homes, you must ensure that duct leakage is less than 15% and verify refrigerant charge.

Before work begins you must give your customer the choice of requiring that a HERS rater verify duct sealing and refrigerant charge, or having the system included in a random sample for verification.

Why? Following these steps will save your customers money, make their homes more comfortable, and help the environment.

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