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Interior Demolition Pre-Start Checklist

Everything to complete before the demolition crew arrives on day one

Use this checklist for any residential interior demolition project in Sydney: kitchen demolition, bathroom demolition, wall removal, or a full home clearance. Work through each item before the crew arrives on site. Skipping steps is the most common cause of on-site delays, cost variations, and disputes.

How Long Does Preparation Take?

Preparation Step	Time Required
Scope confirmation	**1 day**
Asbestos assessment (pre-1990 homes)	**2 to 5 days for lab results**
Licensed trades booking and coordination	**1 to 3 days lead time**
Property preparation (clearing, floor protection, dust sealing)	**1 day**
Day-one walkthrough with site supervisor	**20 minutes**

For pre-1990 homes: allow at least one week of lead time before booking the demolition crew. Asbestos lab results cannot be expedited.

Pre-Start Checklist

- [ ] 1 **Scope confirmed in writing with the contractor**
- [ ] 2 **Asbestos assessment booked for pre-1990 properties**
  Do this first, before booking anything else
- [ ] 3 **Licensed electrician booked for circuit isolation before demo crew arrives**
- [ ] 4 **Licensed plumber booked for water and gas isolation before demo crew arrives**
- [ ] 5 **Rooms in scope fully cleared of furniture, appliances, and stored items**
- [ ] 6 **Valuables in adjacent rooms relocated to another part of the home**
- [ ] 7 **Temporary living arrangements confirmed if the only bathroom or kitchen is in scope**
- [ ] 8 **Floor protection laid in access routes and corridors**
- [ ] 9 **Dust barriers sealed on adjacent room doorframes and return air vents covered**
- [ ] 10 **Neighbours notified**
- [ ] 11 **Strata by-laws checked and works notice submitted if applicable**
- [ ] 12 **Pets and children arrangements confirmed for work hours**
- [ ] 13 **Builder handover condition confirmed with the contractor**
- [ ] 14 **Day-one walkthrough with site supervisor scheduled**
- [ ] 15 **SWMS, licence, and insurance certificates sighted before work begins**
  Professional contractors provide these without being asked

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