

BLASTING INFORMATION

The Village of Pemberton requires that blasting companies use all suitable methods to safeguard persons and property, that they be properly insured, and that they issue notification to neighbouring property owners.

Blasting is regulated by WorkSafeBC

WorkSafeBC is responsible for issuing Blasting Certificates to qualified individuals and for ensuring safe blasting practices.

Notification

The blasting company must provide notification to the occupants of all buildings within 100 metres of the site and all schools within 300 metres of the site. Notification must include the following:

- the civic address of the location where blasting will occur;
- a description of the work being undertaken;
- dates and duration of the work;
- methods to safeguard persons and property;
- signals and warning methods;
- blasting company contact; and
- insurance company contact.

Pre-blasting surveys

Where explosives are employed within sixty (60) metres of any building, bridge, dam, or other structure, the holder of the permit must retain an independent insurance adjuster, at the permit holder’s cost, to complete a pre-blast survey. The survey shall itemize the condition of each surveyed structure existing prior to detonation and shall be supported by photos.

Warning Signals	Hours of Blasting
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twelve (12) short whistles, followed by a 2 minute pause; • Blast will be detonated; • A long whistle indicates all is clear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday through Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. • Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. • Saturdays, Sundays, & Statutory Holidays: No Blasting Permitted

Blasting in your neighbourhood

If you believe blasting has caused damage to your home or property, contact the blasting company and their insurance representative immediately at the contact information provided on the notice delivered to your home. If you are unsure who to call, contact the Village of Pemberton Development Services Department at 604-894-6135.