

Regulations Regarding Structural Modifications to Your Rental Property

At our cooperative, your satisfaction and harmonious living environment are very important to us. Therefore, we want to highlight an important regulation regarding structural modifications in your apartments that benefits everyone.

We want you to feel comfortable in your home and know that sometimes adjustments or changes are necessary to better meet your personal needs. While we are generally open to such requests, certain structural modifications do require our prior approval.

Why is approval necessary?

This regulation is not intended to restrict your freedom, but serves several important purposes:

- **Preservation of Building Structure:**

To ensure the long-term quality and value of our buildings, structural modifications must be carried out professionally and in compliance with all relevant regulations.

- **Ensuring Safety:**

Independent modifications to load-bearing structures or utilities can pose significant safety risks.

- **Noise Control:**

Extensive construction work is often accompanied by massive noise that can disturb your neighbors. Therefore, even our own measures always require prior notification.

What are structural modifications?

Examples of structural modifications include:

- Demolition or new construction of walls and openings
- Slots or recesses in walls, ceilings, floors, balconies, and facades
- Changes to wall finishes (e.g., application of decorative plaster, installation of wall panels or tiles)
- Installation of new doors or windows (including frames), door shortening, or expansions
- Installation of additional electrical outlets or modification of existing ones in the apartment and on the balcony
- Balcony modifications (e.g., reduction of the balcony threshold, installation of photovoltaic systems or air conditioning, awning with clamping device or privacy screens, balcony glazing, painting work on side and back walls, and railing interiors)



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- Bathroom modifications (e.g., tiling work, installation of a different mixer tap, replacement of sanitary facilities such as bathtubs, toilets, or sinks, installation of an accessible shower or underfloor heating, work on water pipes and drains)
- Kitchen modifications (e.g., tiling work, extension of kitchen walls, installation of extractor hoods or a different mixer tap, removal of radiators, adaptation of water and gas pipes)
- Changes to the apartment entrance door (e.g., installation of an additional mortise lock, crossbar, or other reinforcements)
- Installation of new floor coverings (e.g., tiles, laminate, parquet, carpet, vinyl)

If you are planning such structural modifications, please complete the "**Antrag bauliche Veränderung**" ("Application for structural modifications") form on our website www.wgf.berlin under the menu item "Service" -> "Anträge stellen" ("Services" -> "Applications"). We will review your application individually and respond to you as soon as possible.

By following this regulation, you help ensure our community remains safe and harmonious for everyone.

Best regards,

WGF Wohnungsbaugenossenschaft Friedrichshain eG

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