



Advice for Kaipara Residents: What the colour stickers on buildings mean

Several buildings or homes have had a rapid building assessment, which is an initial safety check.

Following an assessment, a building or home will receive either a white, yellow or red placard – or sticker. These are a legal instruction and must not be changed or removed unless you have permission.

If your building or home has a sticker that is **yellow** or **red**, contact your insurer first. They will work with you on the next steps. You may need to use a suitably qualified tradesperson or chartered professional engineer to do repairs or further inspection.

White – can be used

The building may have suffered little or no damage and can be used. However, it doesn't necessarily mean the building is safe, there could be unseen damage.

If your building has received a white sticker, speak to your insurer about any further assistance you'd like.

CAN BE USED
NO RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS

There has been a quick visual inspection of this building:

- No obvious structural problems were observed, but
- This does not mean that the building is completely safe
- This does not mean that the building is not damaged
- Future events may cause more damage that may change this assessment

The following items have generally not been inspected:

- Utilities (sewerage, gas, water, sanitary fixtures, etc)
- Secondary elements (ceilings, windows, fittings, etc)

Building owners and tenants have an important role in regard to the future safety of occupants and the public:

- The owner should organise for someone to look at the building more thoroughly
- Tell the issuing authority if you find anything that could be dangerous

Building Name and Address: _____

This building has been subject to a rapid assessment:

Exterior Only

Exterior and Interior

Assessor ID: _____ Time: _____

Dear _____

This placard has been placed on behalf of the CDSEI Controller or other Responsible Person under the authority of s128ET of the Building Act 2004 or the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 (cross out as applicable).

For further information:

- <https://www.building.govt.nz/inspecting-buildings/inspecting-buildings-in-an-emergency/>
- For enquiries about this building: _____

DO NOT REMOVE THIS NOTICE

Yellow – restricted access

The building may have moderate damage and access is restricted. Access may be restricted to some of the building only, or may be restricted for short-term entry only, under supervision from Council staff. This is outlined on the sticker. To arrange access, email us at

buildingcompliance@kaipara.govt.nz or call Customer Services on 0800 727 059.

Contact your insurer in the first instance. If you own the building, you'll need to contract a qualified tradesperson or chartered professional engineer to do repairs or further inspections.

Red – entry prohibited

The building cannot be used and entry is prohibited because it has sustained moderate or heavy damage and poses a significant risk to health or life.

Contact your insurer in the first instance. They will work with you on the next steps. If you own the building, further investigation and repairs are required before the building is safe to use.

If access is needed for an insurance assessor, you need permission from our compliance team. Email us at buildingcompliance@kaipara.govt.nz or call Customer Services on 0800 727 059.

Support and assistance may be available through:

- If you are impacted, talk to your insurer in the first instance. Contact the [New Zealand Claims Resolution Service](#) if you have concerns about your claim or are unsure about the process.
- Ministry of Social Development's Civil Defence payments, please contact them on 0800 400 100
- If you need welfare assistance, please contact the Council at **09 439 1111**. Our teams will work with you.

RESTRICTED ACCESS
 TO PART(S) OF THE BUILDING ONLY
 SHORT TERM ENTRY ONLY
 Access to be supervised by a person authorised by the issuing authority

There has been a quick visual inspection of this building:
• This building has been damaged and its structural safety is questionable
• Entry only at own risk
• Future access may cause more damage that may change this assessment

Description of hazard observed: _____
Restricted areas are: _____

Restrictions on use:
 Removal of essential documents/valuables only
 Removal of property
Other: _____
 Diagram attached showing restricted areas

Building Name and Address: _____
This building has been subject to a rapid assessment:
 Exterior Only
 Exterior and Interior
Assessor ID: _____
Date: _____ Time: _____

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For further information:
• <https://www.building.govt.nz/managing/building/managing-buildings-in-emergencies/>
• For inquiries about this building: _____

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ENTRY PROHIBITED
(THIS IS NOT A DEMOLITION ORDER)

There has been a quick visual inspection of this building:
 The building is in total loss or beyond repair
 The building has been severely damaged

Description of hazard observed: _____
Extent of damage required: _____

Building Name and Address: _____
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Assessor ID: _____
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