

CONSTRUCTION BLASTING FACTS AND TIPS

While blasting is common during early phases of construction in Tennessee, damage is uncommon due to regulations set to limit vibrations to neighboring areas.

Seismic Limits are Set by the State

Blasting seismic equipment is required to ensure ground movement and air blasts are within limits set by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Blast Complaints are handled by the State

The City of Hendersonville and the Hendersonville Fire Department do not have prosecution authority for damage caused by blasting.

Sound & Vibrations ~~≠~~ Damage

You may hear or feel blasts depending on your distance from the site. What you feel does not necessarily mean that damage is occurring.

TIP: If blasting is planned near your property, take photos/videos and closely inspect your home to document any current cracks from normal wear and tear, seasonal humidity changes and settling.

If your property is damaged by blasting or blasting debris follow these steps:

**State Fire Marshal
615.741.7190**

File a Complaint Online:

www.tn.gov/commerce/resources-services/file-a-complaint

**Hendersonville Fire
Marshal's Office
615.822.1119
ext: 3011**

1. Immediately document the date and time of blast as well as any damage that occurred
2. Contact the State Fire Marshal's Office or visit the "file a complaint" page of the tn.gov website and have the following information ready:
 - a. Complainant's name, address and telephone number
 - b. Location of property with damage
 - c. Person or Company causing the complaint, including address, telephone numbers and license numbers
 - d. Description of the events including dates and times
3. Contact the contractor responsible for the damage. They may already have arrangements to handle damaged property
4. Contact your insurance company.
5. Depending on the level of damage you may need to make temporary repairs to your property to prevent further damage.

The Hendersonville Fire Marshal's Office is always available to answer any questions or assist with your complaint.