



TOP **5** REGRETS

We know how important your commercial construction project is to you. With so many complex decisions that need to be made, planning can be overwhelming. Here are the top five regrets we've see over decades of experience in commercial building projects.

1 LEAVING OUT STAKE HOLDERS EARLY IN THE PROCESS

While you really don't want more than 5 key stakeholders, organizations often regret not having enough conversations with people using the space.

How this causes problems: When you fail to gather information from a wider audience, you will miss important information about your needs for your space.

Avoid this regret by soliciting feedback and input from cross-section of people within your organization early in the planning stages of your project.

2 FAILING TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE PROBLEMS YOU ARE TRYING TO SOLVE

During the discovery process, it's critical to think through exactly what problems you are actively trying to solve with your new or renovated space.

How this causes problems: Failing to think through the needs for your space, can lead to costly mid project changes or immediate updates to your space after it is completed.

Avoid this regret: Work with an experienced commercial construction team that will spend time planning to help ensure you haven't missed any critical functions.

3 MAKING ASSUMPTIONS FOR TIMELINES

Many people underestimate the time it takes for the entire process, including how quickly they think they will be able to make decisions.

How this causes problems: Rushing through your project can lead to expensive mistakes or missed opportunities. (See regrets 1 and 2!)

Avoid this regret: Work with a commercial construction team with a design-build delivery model can speed up the process without leaving out stakeholders or missing details for your project.



4 SELECTING AN ARCHITECT AND BUILDER THAT DO NOT FUNCTION AS A TEAM.

Your commercial construction project is a major investment, and it is critical that the team around you is working together cohesively.

How this causes problems: Communication failures can lead to expensive misunderstandings or mistakes that will jeopardize your budget and timeline.

Avoid this regret: Select a commercial construction team that operates as a cohesive team, ideally with Architects and builders working within the same organization.

5 FIXATING ON PROJECT COST OVER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR BUILDER.

Your budget is critically important when choosing your commercial construction team, however managing the tension between your budget and your needs requires a strong relationship of trust with your building team.

How this causes problems: By selecting the lowest cost, your builder may be sacrificing quality or function later in the building process or more likely, you will have to pay more later to make changes or fix problems.

Avoid this regret: Choose to work with a builder that is transparent about all costs up front and willing to have a candid conversation with you about your budget limitations and needs.

Considering a project?
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