

### Advice for Building Owners

Aon Clients who are owners of heritage buildings are advised not to demolish heritage listed buildings without the express written authorisation of their local Council.

Christchurch City Council has advised that “despite the circumstances, the Building Act (2004) still applies”. Aon Clients in the Christchurch City Council area can seek a building consent for urgent building from the Emergency Operations Centre based at the Christchurch Art Gallery.

### What do the color placards on my building mean?

#### **Red Placard**

A red placard means that people should not enter or occupy the building because it has been determined as unsafe. It is not a demolition order. Nor does it mean the adjacent building is ‘red’.

Buildings with a red placard require a further detailed structural assessment by a building professional engaged by the owner. That assessment must then be discussed with the Christchurch City Council’s building evaluation and inspection team to determine options.

There have also been reports that some people have misinterpreted a red placard to mean that they have 10 minutes to collect their belongings. This is not the case. Buildings with red placards are unsafe and should not be entered.

#### **Yellow Placard**

A yellow placard means the building has limited access, as noted on the placard, and further structural assessment is needed by the owner’s consultants.

#### **Green Placard**

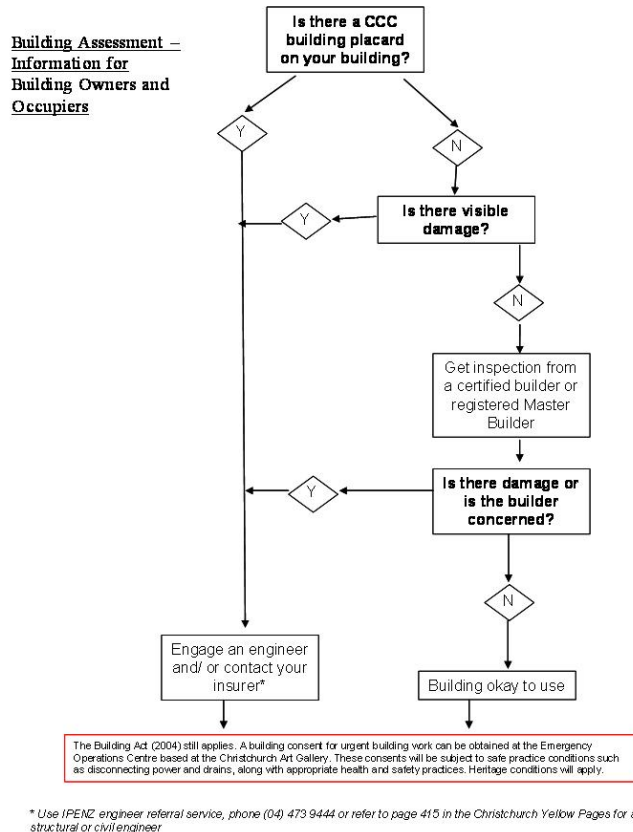
The meaning of green placards, and buildings that have not yet received placards, has also been clarified. A green placard means there has been a brief inspection only. While no apparent structural or other safety hazards have been found, a more comprehensive inspection of the exterior and interior may reveal structural or safety hazards.

### There is no placard on my building what should I do?

It is the building owner’s or occupier’s responsibility to get further independent advice regarding the safety of any building if necessary. This is also the case for buildings with no placards.



If there is no placard on a building, owners or occupiers should check for visible damage. It is recommended that where there is concern, a registered master builder or, in the case of building integrity a structural engineer, should check the building before declaring it safe to occupy. They should then liaise with the Council about options. For more information, refer to this building assessment flow-chart.



## Who should I contact?

For further information, please refer to the Christchurch City Council website [www.ccc.govt.nz](http://www.ccc.govt.nz), email [info@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:info@ccc.govt.nz) or phone (03) 941 8999.

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