Building Regulations are in a Terrible State, but I Have a Solution

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Sharing accommodation can soften the pain of soaring rents and expand your social circle, but beware the housemate from hell, says Eithne Dunne

IT STARTS TO REALLY WEAR ON YOU THAT THIS PERSON IS ALWAYS THERE AND TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING. IF YOU CATCH A HOUSEMATE LIKE THAT, IT JUST BECOMES HELL.

When the regulations were lifted in early 2014, the minister for the environment, Phil Hogan, promised better building standards. In the same year, the Building Control (Amendment) Regulations were introduced to provide new, more stringent building regulations and a range of penalties for non-compliance. The aim of these regulations was to ensure that new homes were built to a higher standard, and that consumers were better protected.

However, many consumers have been left disappointed with the effectiveness of these regulations. According to a recent report, only 40% of new homes are built to the highest standards, and many homes still require significant repair work.

When you’re younger and you’re sharing spaces, you don’t think too much about it. But as you get older, you become more aware of the responsibilities of your fellow man, and at some point you need to look at what you do. And that’s what Eithne Dunne did in 2012.

In the case of Priory Hall, the building inspectors responsible for checking the quality of the construction were not doing their job properly. The BC(A)R system, which was set up to ensure that new homes were built to a good standard, had failed to catch any of these problems. The result was that many homeowners were left with homes that were unsafe to live in.

In the end, it was a combination of factors that led to the downfall of Priory Hall. The developers were not competent, the building inspectors were not doing their job, and the regulations were not being enforced properly.

As an architect or engineer would say, there are two elements in the process of building a house. The first is the construction process, where the building is actually built. The second is the inspection process, where the building is checked to see if it meets the required standards.

In the case of Priory Hall, the inspection process was not working. The building inspectors were not carrying out their job properly, and the building was completed before the required inspections were carried out.

The result was that many homeowners were left with homes that were unsafe to live in. This is a tragic example of what can happen when the building inspectors fail to do their job properly.

Building regulations are in a terrible state, but I have a solution.

When you’re thinking about buying a house, it’s important to do your homework. Check the building regulations and make sure that the house you’re looking at meets the required standards. If you’re not sure, ask for a building inspection to be carried out.

I have a plan to improve the building regulations and make sure that new homes are built to a higher standard. It’s a plan that will take some time, but it’s a plan that I believe in.

I hope that you will support me in this plan, and that together we can make a difference to the quality of new homes in Ireland.