

4 REAL Reasons why Professionals do Home Maintenance “Better”

Let's face it... things break, stop working, get loose, and get lost around the home ALL the time. It's no big deal when these things get fixed, replaced, tightened and repaired *straight away*. But let's be realistic here – how often do these things get fixed quickly *and* properly? Of course you're thinking well... there are a lot of super-handy people out there that really don't need a tradesperson to help them with maintenance around the home! In fact, some people actually enjoy the challenge of DIY projects and the sense of accomplishment that comes from personally contributing to the maintenance of their castle. But, for every person who enthusiastically spends weekends tinkering in their shed, there is a person who couldn't possibly think of anything worse. That's where Brisbane Maintenance Experts come into the equation! But as you will see, even if you are handy around the house, there are still some REAL reasons why sometimes you should leave it to the experts.

1. If you don't call a professional, you can pretty much guarantee that the job will *NEVER* get done (well... at least not for the next 3 years).

Why does this happen? Well, the answer is simple. While odd jobs around the home may not be particularly difficult, they are usually time consuming, boring and more trouble than they seem to be worth. By the time you take a trip to Bunnings and waste half a Sunday battling for a car park with the rest of Brisbane, you are OVER IT! The last thing you then want to do is go home and actually fix the silly door, or re-grout the shower floor! We all live busy lives – we work, work, work; children play sport on weekends; dogs need to be walked; family and friend commitments are never ending, and then *if* we are lucky, we might actually get a little bit of down time. Who really wants to spend their precious Sunday afternoon struggling through vague diagrams attempting to build flat-pack IKEA furniture? By calling a professional, it means it actually *WILL* get done. Wow... what a novel concept!

2. When you call a home maintenance expert, the job will actually get done *PROPERLY*.

With all the best intentions, we take ourselves off to Bunnings and desperately try (for another half a day) to figure out what we need to buy so we can complete a job that we have a few YouTube directions for. What size screws? What type of gap filler (because there are about 50 to choose from)? What thickness of ply? By the end of the shopping expedition you usually just opt for going with what you *think* will “do the job”. But will it really? A professional tradesperson knows *exactly* what to use, how much of everything they need, and how to use it. This means that the job will be finished quickly, and most importantly... properly! As a maintenance company, the number of times we get called to “repair a DIY repair” is astounding. If only a professional was called in the first place, it would have saved the customer time, money, and their sanity!

3. Believe it or not, calling a home maintenance expert *WILL* save you money in the long run!

Getting a small home maintenance job done is one thing – and if you are already a bit of a handyman or handywoman then it probably won't be too difficult or costly to complete. But, if you are not very handy and if the job is a little more complicated, it may not be that simple. Even if you *have* completed the job, how long will it last? How safe is the finished product? Basically – will it need to be done again in 6 months time? Professional tradespeople know how to make things last.

That is the primary purpose of what they do – making sure whatever is being built, fixed, replaced or repaired will withstand the test of time, weather, wear and tear, and the odd cricket ball thrown at it by the kids. In the long run, having a professional complete what seems to be a “simple” job could save you loads of money (and time). The job will be completed quickly, to a professional standard (so it will look better) and you can rest assured that it will last. A good home maintenance company will be more than willing to return to a job should something be amiss or go wrong within a certain period of time. This will ultimately save you money because it means you don’t have to keep repairing the same downpipe every 2 months, and you don’t have to continuously replace the dodgy light bulb in the hallway!

4. It’s better to be *SAFE* than sorry

Sometimes a YouTube video on building a deck or re-pointing an entire roof just doesn’t cut it – no matter how enthusiastic or handy you may be. Safety *must* come first, and there are certain things such as roofing and electrical work, which should *always* be left to the professionals. This is the most important REAL reason to call a home maintenance expert – because *real people* have *real accidents* trying to do jobs around the home *all* the time. In 2010 alone, 25,000 people were hospitalised in Queensland for DIY injuries around the home. The highest percentage of accidents was a result of ladder falls, coming in at 48%. Falls from the roof and accidents with lawnmowers accounted for 10% each, and injuries with a power tool or power saw scraped in at 8% each. Men are responsible for a huge 84% of these hospital admissions, although the rates for women are also on the rise (Source: *Queensland Injury Surveillance Unit*). Even more concerning is recent research from the Monash Injury Research Institute, indicating that there was a 10% increase in the number of emergency department presentations between 2009 and 2011. Educating the general public on DIY safety is one thing we can do to prevent these DIY injuries. But, making sure that people understand they should reserve the truly difficult, risky and dangerous stuff to the experts is probably the REAL thing we need to do if we want to see these figures drop.

So, by keeping it REAL, Brisbane Maintenance Experts can help you maintain your home or property quickly, professionally, properly and safely. Plus... we guarantee that you will get your precious weekends back so you can actually spend time doing things you enjoy! What more could you possibly ask for?