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Why & How to Hire an Architect for Your Home Building Project

Working with an AIA architect can be rewarding. If you have unique tastes and need help translating your ideas into a workable building design that will meet building codes and safety requirements, working with an architect will help.

General building designs may prove helpful to start the process of designing but they often disregard the conditions of your specific building site and may not fully reflect your personal preferences and needs.

This is why you need an architect. Architects are design professionals trained to work with you to translate your ideas, doodles and descriptions into a refined building design. Architects can offer creative ideas to help refine your vision and help you to navigate the complexities of the construction process.

When you work with an architect, the result will be a building that fits your current needs, can be adapted to accommodate your future needs, is safe to live or work in and works in harmony with your building site.

Working with an AIA Architect is an investment in your building project.

- AIA architects remain current with professional standards through continuing education, and subscribe to a Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct that assure clients, the public, and colleagues of their dedication to high standards in professional practice.
- An AIA architect will work with you throughout the design process to help you create a building that reflects your preferences and satisfies your needs for the project.
- An AIA architect will work with you to help choose appropriate materials for your building, solicit bids for construction, review pricing for fairness to address your budget, and assess the quality of the workmanship.

- An AIA architect can help you evaluate the wide range of product choices available as well as with your furniture, fixture & equipment needs.

What to look for in an Architect

- Every architect brings their own combination of skills, expertise, interests, and values to your project. A personal interview will help find the architect that best fits your personal style and aligns closely with the needs of your project.
- Be sure to look for a design professional who (a) has graduated from an accredited academic program in architecture, (b) is licensed/ registered in the state where your home will be constructed, and (c) is a member of the American Institute of Architects. Members of the AIA are most knowledgeable about current trends, issues, methods, codes and safety guidelines relative to your building project.
- Consider requesting an Architect's Qualification Statement, a standardized form which will provide information you to review before selecting an architect, including credentials.



How to find an AIA Architect

- **Members of AIA Delaware, include award winning architects** experienced with diverse building types, design styles and project scopes.
- Contact **AIA Delaware** at (302) 654-9817 or visit www.aiadelaware.org to identify AIA member architects suitable to your specific building project needs and personal preferences.

Residential Architects in Delaware

The American Institute of Architects (AIA) is the professional membership association for licensed architects, emerging professionals, and allied partners since 1857 and helps to build public awareness of architecture and supports the practice of architecture.

In addition to meeting professional standards for licensure to practice architecture, AIA members adhere to the AIA Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct, assuring clients, the public, and colleagues of their dedication to high standards of professional practice.

Below are a few of the Architect Members of AIA Delaware who offer Residential Architectural services.

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