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### Rights and obligations in the building process

If you are involved in a building project, it's important you know who is responsible for each aspect.

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### Stages of the building process

Understand project stages, from scoping and design to consents, construction and completion.

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### Priority work programmes

An overview of the priority work programmes within the MBIE Building System Performance branch.

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### Understanding the building consent process

For safe, healthy and durable buildings, all building work in New Zealand must meet certain standards. Find out how to build within the rules.

### Health and safety on site

Avoid accidents and make site safety a priority.

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#### Specified systems and compliance schedules

If you own a building that contains a specified system such as a cable car, you must ensure they are effectively operated for the life of the building and in keeping with the council-issued compliance schedule.

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### **Determinations**

A determination is a binding decision made by MBIE providing a way of solving disputes or questions about the rules that apply to buildings, how buildings are used, building accessibility, and health and safety.

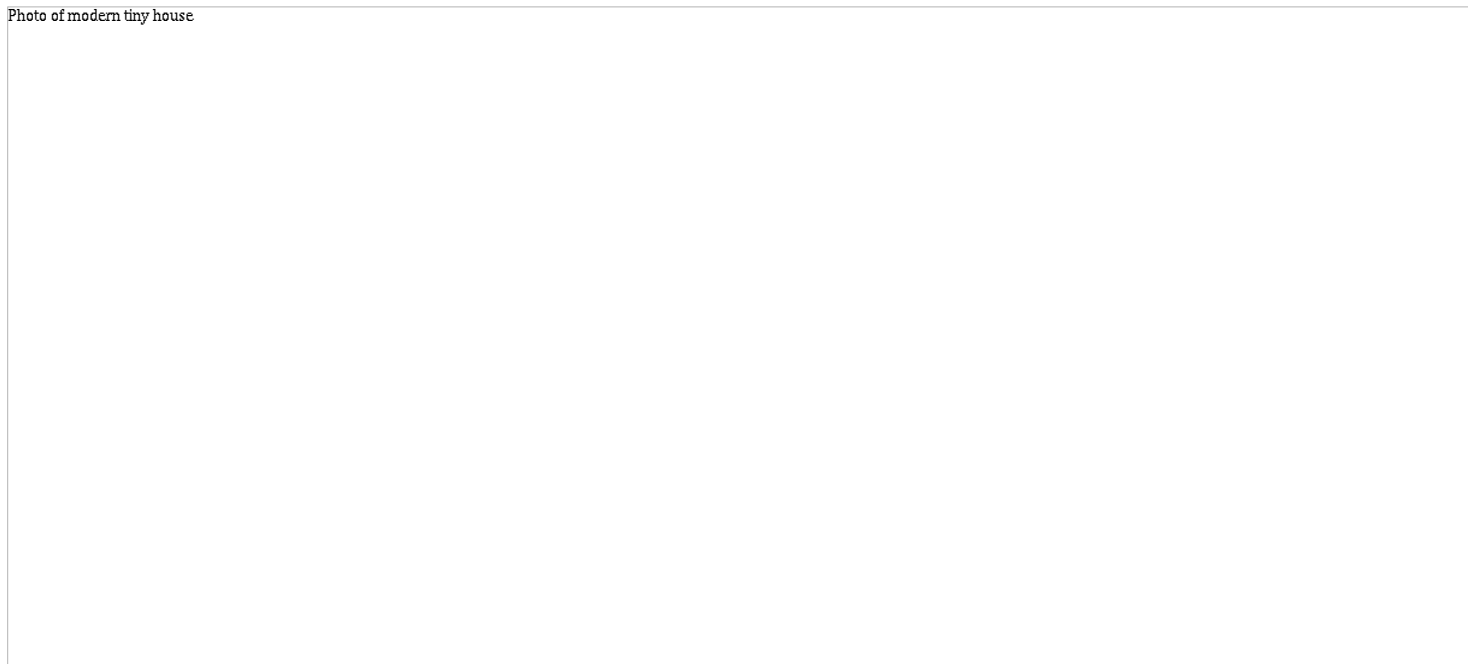
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## **Tiny houses**

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The intent of this section is to ensure that tiny houses as buildings are safe, healthy and durable for their intended use.

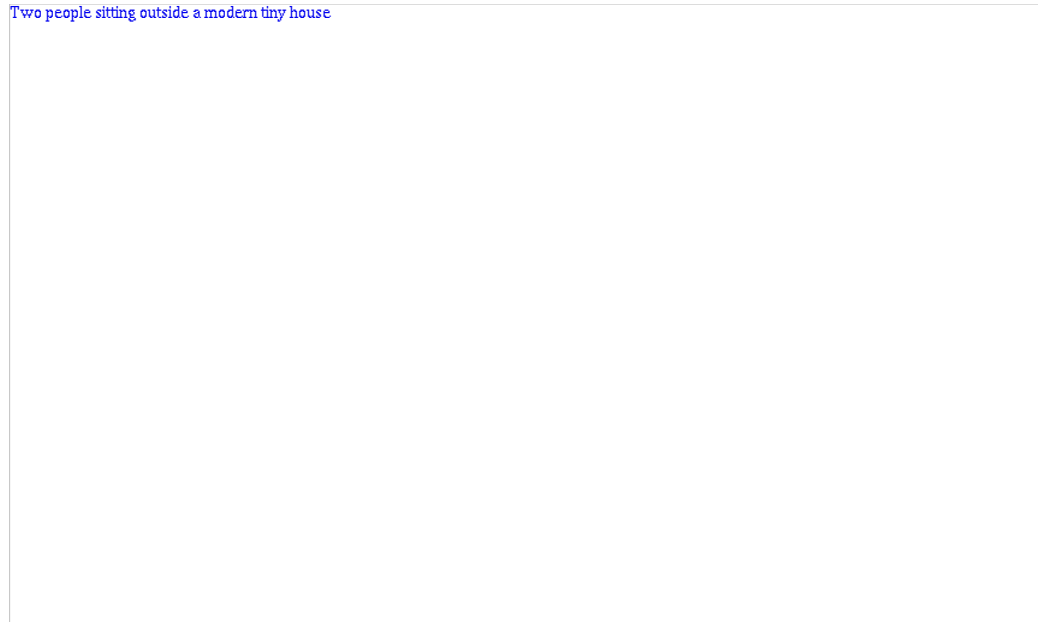
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Learn about key considerations for your tiny house project

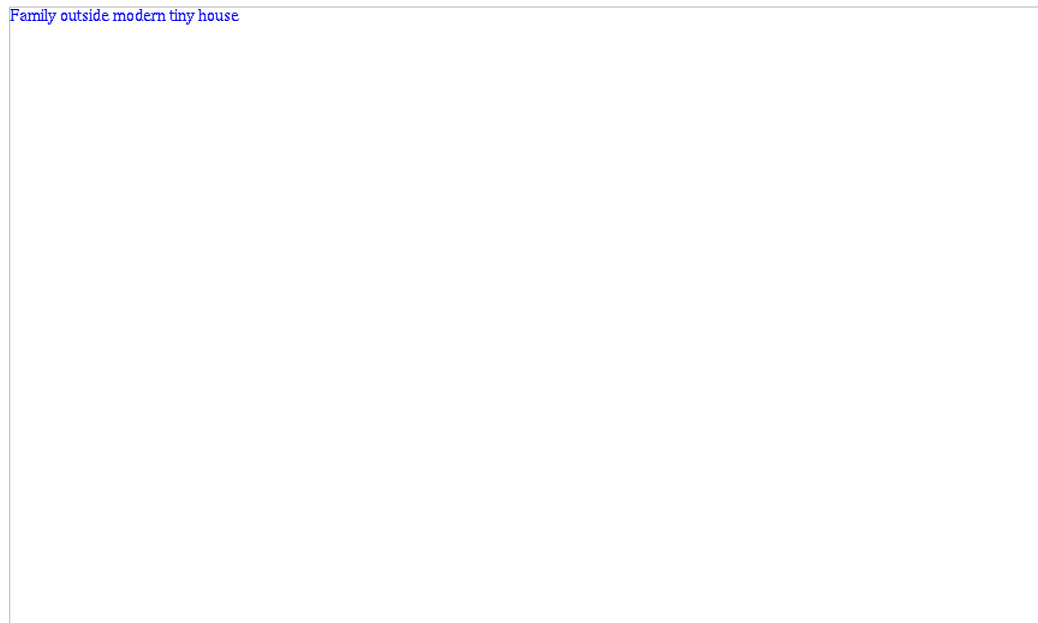
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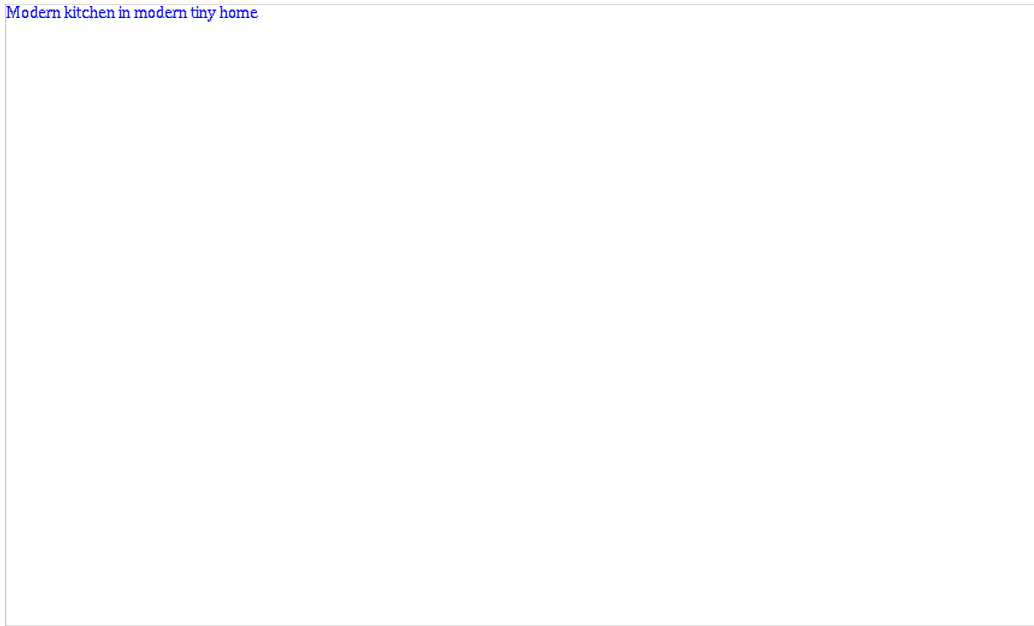
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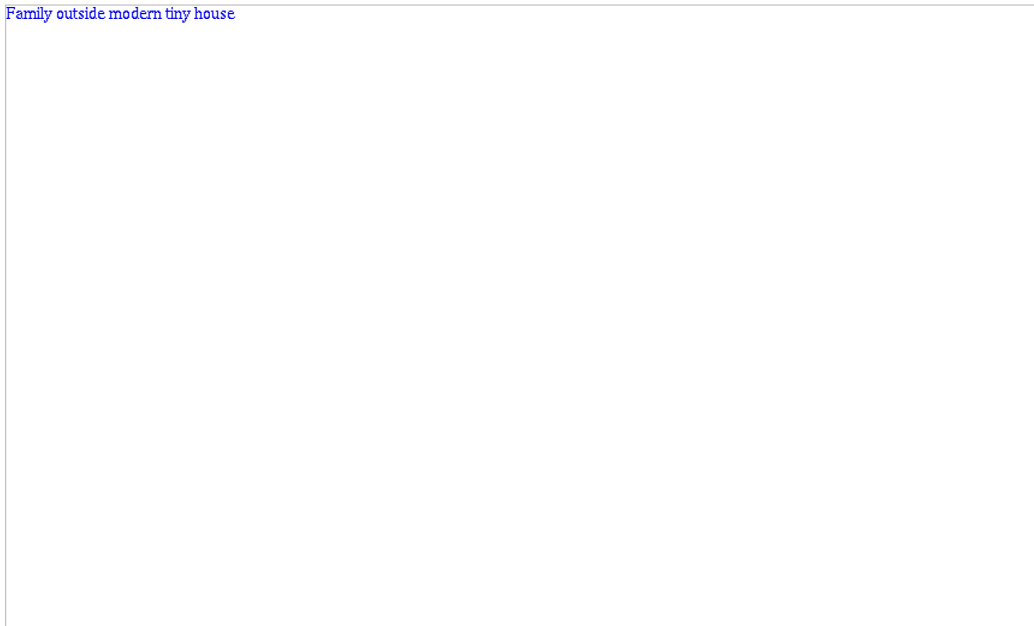
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