

# WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §21-11A-8

## §21-11A-8. Notice of claim of construction defect.

(a) A claimant asserting a claim of a construction defect under this article shall file notice of the claim as provided by this section.

(b) The notice of claim shall:

(1) Be in writing and signed by the claimant or the claimant's authorized representative;

(2) Be delivered by hand, certified mail, return receipt requested or other verifiable delivery service, to the person designated in the contract to receive a notice of claim of a construction defect; if no person is designated in the contract, the notice shall be delivered to the contractor's chief administrative officer; and

(3) State in detail:

(A) The nature of the alleged construction defect and a description of the results of the defect;

(B) A description of damages caused by the alleged construction defect, including the amount and method used to calculate those damages; and

(C) The legal theory of recovery, i.e., a construction defect, including the causal relationship between the alleged construction defect and the damages claimed.

(c) In addition to the mandatory contents of the notice of claim as required by subsection (b) of this section, the claimant may submit supporting documentation or other tangible evidence to facilitate the contractor's evaluation of the claimant's claim.

(d) The notice of claim shall be delivered no later than ninety days prior to filing an action.