



5 Costly Mistakes to Avoid Before Starting Your Building Project

Realistic Projects Limited

Introduction

Building your dream project, whether it is a family home, estate, or commercial space, is exciting. But excitement must walk with caution. At Realistic Projects Limited, we are passionate about helping you avoid the mistakes that can cost you time, money, and peace of mind. In this guide, we reveal five costly mistakes you must avoid before you lay your first block.

Mistake 1: Skipping a Comprehensive Site Assessment

Many clients fall in love with a piece of land without properly assessing its soil type, legal status, environmental risks, or flood proneness. Buying land without a professional site analysis can lead to severe structural problems, extra foundation costs, or even demolition orders.

Tip: Always hire professionals to assess the land before purchasing or building.

Mistake 2: Underestimating the Power of Proper Design

Some builders start construction without complete architectural, structural, and M.E.P. (Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing) designs. This almost always leads to costly changes, delays, and quality compromises later.

Tip: Insist on detailed and approved drawings before you begin any work.

Mistake 3: Ignoring Accurate Budget Planning

Underestimating your budget is one of the fastest ways to abandon a project halfway. Without a detailed Bill of Quantities (BOQ) and a contingency plan, unforeseen costs will hit you hard.

Tip: Work with a qualified Quantity Surveyor and plan for at least 10% extra funds for unexpected expenses.

Mistake 4: Choosing the Wrong Contractors

It is tempting to hire the cheapest contractor you find, but poor workmanship, project abandonment,

and legal disputes are common outcomes.

Tip: Always verify the track record of your contractor. Better yet, work with a trusted, fully registered company like Realistic Projects Limited.

Mistake 5: Overlooking Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Ignoring permits, approvals, or documentation processes will expose your project to government fines, demolitions, or legal battles.

Tip: Always confirm zoning laws, obtain building permits, and complete necessary paperwork before starting construction.

Conclusion: Build Smart, Build Right

Your building is your legacy. It deserves careful planning, professional expertise, and trusted execution. Avoid these five costly mistakes, and you are already on the path to success.

At Realistic Projects Limited, we specialize in helping you plan, design, and build smarter. Contact us today for a free consultation.

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About Realistic Projects Limited

At Realistic Projects Limited, we are more than just a construction company - we are a team of passionate professionals dedicated to transforming the built environment. With a deep understanding of the Nigerian construction industry, we have established ourselves as a trusted partner for clients seeking high-quality construction services. From architectural design to structural

engineering, M.E.P., facility management, and maintenance, we deliver excellence at every stage.

What Our Clients Are Saying

Mr. Segun Tegbe:

"Working with Realistic Projects Limited has been a refreshing experience. From the architectural design stage to the final touches on my residence, their attention to detail and professional coordination stood out. They did not just build a house - they brought my vision to life."

Alhaja Shittu:

"I am truly impressed by the quality of work delivered by Realistic Projects. Their team maintained open communication throughout the project, and they handled every aspect of the construction with integrity. My home reflects elegance and durability, just what I hoped for."

Mr. Hammed:

"Realistic Projects Limited exceeded my expectations in every way. The structural design of my house is both modern and functional. What I appreciated most was their commitment to timelines and the way they handled challenges with clear, proactive solutions."

Mr. Suleiman:

"From the plumbing to the electrical works, everything was done with precision. Realistic Projects made the process stress-free, and their professionalism gave me confidence at every stage of my residential project. I highly recommend their services."

Mr. Peter:

"Choosing Realistic Projects Limited was one of the best decisions I have made as a homeowner. Their design team captured my ideas perfectly, and the construction team executed the plan with

skill and care. I am proud of the result."