

## EPISODE #2009 POKER FACE POTTY

### Wall Demolition:

Demolition doesn't take much skill, just a lot of work and an ability to put up with messy, dusty conditions. Know what's behind and in the wall before starting to tear it down.

Remember to shut off water pipes and disconnect wiring before cutting into the walls and floor.

Stuff an old rag into any drains you expose during the tear-out. That'll keep harmful sewer gases out (ewwww gross!) and prevent construction debris from falling in and plugging the line.

### Plumbing:

A plumbing rough-in usually requires tearing up the sub floor to access existing pipes. Old pipes can usually be cut out with a reciprocating saw. Feel the power! (fig. A-D)

Most plumbing pipes are made of rigid plastic and/or copper. In older homes, cast iron is common.

### Before undertaking any plumbing project, please review these safety notes:

- Safety glasses or goggles should be worn whenever power tools are in use.
- Wear ear protectors when using power tools as some operate at noise levels that can damage hearing.
- The proper respirator or face mask should be worn when sanding, sawing or using substances with toxic fumes.
- Keep blades sharp. A dull blade which requires excessive force, can slip and cause accidents.
- Don't abuse your tools. (Leigh!)
- Always use the right tool for the job.
- Do not work with tools when you are tired. (Apparently, Leigh and George weren't aware of this rule!)

### Plumbing Codes and Standards

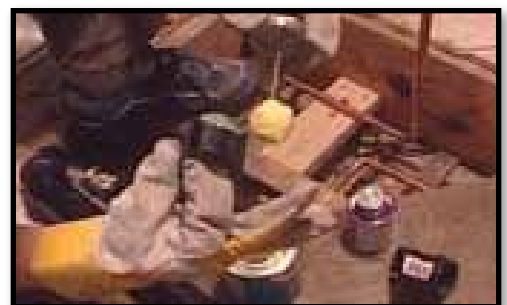
Standards have been established in the plumbing industry to protect the health and



A. Existing pipe



B. Removing old pipes w/ reciprocating saw.



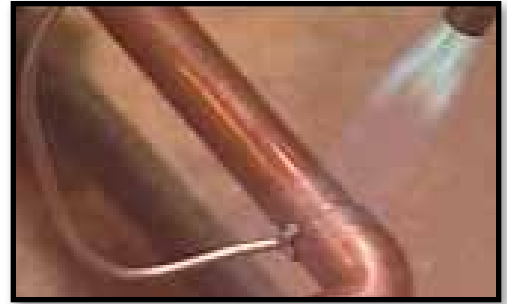
C. Applying glue to piping



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safety of the community. Faulty plumbing can result in serious health and safety hazards. To see that these standards are adhered to, we have plumbing codes and permits.

Regulations regarding design, methods, and materials may differ from one province, state, county or municipality to the next and will be spelled out clearly in local code manuals.



D. The gentle art of soldering