

**Title:** An Empirical Ascertainment of the Causes of Building Failure and Collapse in Nigeria.

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**Abstract:** This study was set out to empirically ascertain the causes of building failure and collapse from the perspectives of the professionals in the building industry, contractors and house owners/developers. The study identified the use of sub-standard building materials, poor workmanship by contractors, use of incompetent contractors, faulty construction technology amongst others as the major causes of building collapse in Lagos nay Nigeria. The study recommends education of all stakeholders including the professionals in the building industry as well as the landlords/developers on the inherent dangers of building collapse and the need to be safety conscious while building houses.