



Warning Signs of an Uncertified Contractor...

You can greatly reduce your risk of loss to an uncertified contractor by looking out for the following:

- Newspaper, flyers or yellow page ads where only the telephone number appears and there is no business address.
- No license number on the vehicle, business card, contract, newspaper, flyer or yellow page ad.
- A large down payment is required before work begins.
- You are asked to obtain a permit.
- Contractor displays only a “Business License” which is required in addition to a Certificate of Competency.
- Permit is obtained by someone other than the person or company contracting to do the work.
- You’re informed that the job does not require a permit or inspection.
- Verbal contract only; person is not willing to put all terms in writing.
- The contractor is only willing to work on weekends or after hours.
- Multiple requests for money (draws) during early phases of construction.
- You are asked to make checks payable to individual’s name when it’s supposed to be in a company name, or asked to make payment in cash or check payable to “cash”.
- The contractor does not have proof of General Liability or Workers’ Compensation Insurance.

How can you protect yourself? First, call to obtain a second bid for the work to be done. Require references and call to verify those references, and finally, call the Building and Zoning Department, City of Jacksonville at 630-1100 to confirm that your bids are from certified contractors.

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