

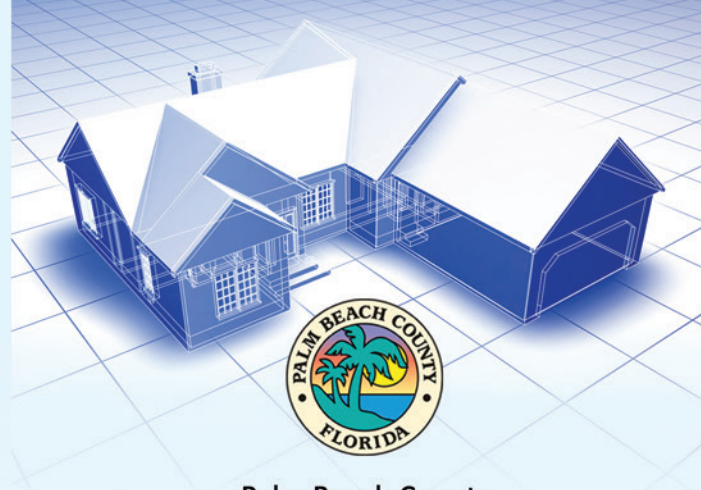
The Construction Industry Licensing Board of Palm Beach County and Contractor Regulations Division was established to protect the citizens of Palm Beach County through a certification system of 50 different construction trades.

The Trades Affecting Homeowners Include:

- General
- Building
- Residential
- Electrical
- Journeyman Plumber
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- HARV (Heating, A/C, Refrigeration & Ventilation)

Specialty Trades

- Acoustical/Suspended Ceiling
- Masonry
- Aluminum Specialties
- Painting
- Carpentry
- Paver Brick/Paver Systems
- Carpentry - Finish
- Paving
- Concrete Forming & Placing
- Plastering
- Countertop
- Reinforcing Steel
- Decorative Metal
- Re-Screener/Screen Repair
- Demolition
- Roofing
- Dredging & Land Filling
- Seal Coating/Striping
- Drywall
- Sign Contractor/Electrical
- Fabric Awning
- Sign Contractor/Non-Electrical
- Fence
- Structural Steel Erection
- Garage Door
- Swimming Pool Construction
- Glass & Glazing
- Swimming Pool Maintenance & Repair
- Gunite
- Tennis Court
- Hurricane Shutter/Awning
- Tile, Terrazzo & Stone
- Insulation
- Underground/Overhead Transmission Lines
- Irrigation Sprinkler
- Underground Utilities
- Lightning Protection System
- Windows/Door
- Low Voltage
- Wood Flooring
- Marine



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A GUIDE TO PROTECT YOURSELF

From Unlicensed Construction Contractors



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Each year, contractor regulations staff assist citizens in saving thousands of dollars in would-be losses.

YOU can be your best defense against losses by not dealing with unlicensed contractors.

Using qualified, licensed contractors is not just a good idea... IT'S THE LAW!

YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF!

Simply by following the steps below, you can greatly reduce your risk of loss to an unlicensed contractor:

FIRST

Ask to see the contractor's license.

SECOND

Ask to see the contractor's Certificate of Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance Certificate.

And lastly, confirm that your chosen contractor is licensed and possesses current insurance by accessing the Palm Beach County Contractor's Regulations website at:

www.pbc.gov/pzb
(Licensed Contractor Search)

Help Us Help You

Verify a Contractor's Certificate of Competency before you enter into a contract.

WARNING SIGNS

WHICH INDICATE THE PERSON AND/OR COMPANY IS NOT LICENSED

- Newspaper/flyer ads, which do not include the individual's or company's contractor license number.
- A Business Tax Receipt (formerly Occupational License) is a tax paid to the County allowing an entity to work within County perimeters, this is not a license.
- A large down payment requested before work begins.
- Statements, such as, "It will be cheaper if you obtain your own permit."
- Oral contract only.
- The contractor prefers to work on weekends or after hours.
- Someone other than the person/company you contracted with obtains a building permit.
- Unable to provide a copy of their certificate of insurance.

It's your money, protect it!

WARNING

Hiring an unlicensed contractor, while possibly saving a little money, could result in one or more of the following problems:

- Paying for the work twice.
- Insurance coverage problems.
- Poor workmanship and/or construction that does not meet building or zoning code standards, resulting in the work being torn out and redone.
- Possible code enforcement actions with daily fines to the property owner.
- If an unlicensed contractor is injured on your property, you are responsible.
- Delays with title insurance when selling the property.

**So before hiring an unlicensed contractor, ask yourself this question:
Is it worth the risk?**