

# DON'T BE A VICTIM OF UNLICENSED ACTIVITY



Florida  
dbpr  
Department of Business & Professional Regulation

## DANGERS OF HIRING AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR MAY INCLUDE:



### FINANCIAL LOSS

Taking your deposit and not performing the work or performing substandard work.



### DIFFICULTY SELLING

A lack of proper permitting or proof of work performed may result in difficulty or inability to sell your home.



### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND

A possible criminal background could mean allowing potentially dangerous people in your home and near loved ones.



### SAFETY ISSUES

Noncompliance with building codes could lead to home defects or not withstand another storm.



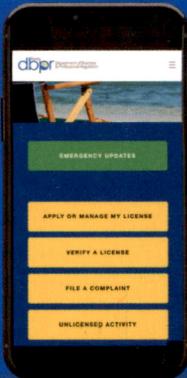
### LACK OF QUALIFICATIONS

A lack of education and/or qualifications can endanger the safety of you, your loved ones and your property.

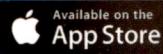


### YOU COULD BE RESPONSIBLE

If they lack the necessary insurance, you may be responsible for injuries on your property or for shoddy work performed.



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DBPR APP & VERIFY LICENSES



## **CONSTRUCTION TRADES REQUIRING A STATE LICENSE**

- Air-Conditioning
- Building Contractor
- Electrician
- General Contractor
- Home Inspection
- Mold-Related Services
- Plumber
- Pool/Spa
- Residential Contractor
- Roofer
- Sheet Metal
- Solar

## **CONSTRUCTION TRADES NOT REQUIRING A STATE LICENSE**

- Cabinet Installation
- Carpentry
- Carpet Cleaning
- Flooring
- Paving
- Painting
- Installing Above-Ground Pools
- Cleaning Swimming Pools
- Drywall/Sheetrock (Non-Structural)
- Tree Trimming and Removal
- Awning Installation (Not Fixed to Structure)

## **WARNING SIGNS A CONTRACTOR MAY NOT BE LICENSED**

- Unlicensed contractors often target the uninformed and inexperienced, as well as the elderly.
- No license number in advertisement or posting. By law, contractors licensed by DBPR must include their license number in all advertising.
- They want all or most of the money upfront and will only accept cash. They may also want you to write the check to them individually or to "cash."
- They give a post office box address instead of a street address.
- They show up in unmarked vehicles offering to do work and often have out-of-state tags.
- They try to convince you a permit is not necessary or that it's cheaper if you obtain it yourself.