DON'T BE A VICTIM OF UNLICENSED ACTIVITY

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DANGERS OF HIRING AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR MAY INCLUDE:

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

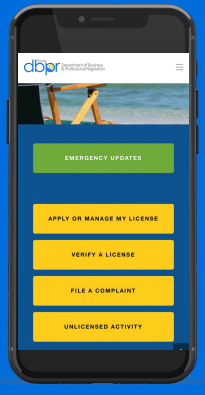
SAFETY ISSUES
Noncompliance with building codes could lead to home defects or not withstand another storm.

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

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

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

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



SCAN TO DOWNLOAD THE DBPR APP & VERIFY LICENSES

Available on the App Store

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VERIFY LICENSES 24/7 ONLINE AT MYFLORIDALICENSE.COM & REPORT UNLICENSED ACTIVITY TO 866-532-1440

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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.