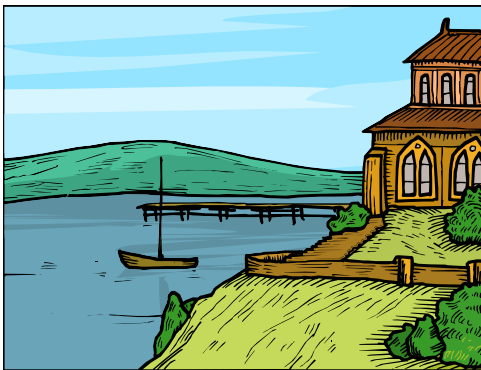


## **SAFEGUARD YOUR HOME AND FAMILY**

The biggest protection against unsafe, faulty construction work is to make sure the contractor you hire has a license from either Collier County or the State of Florida. By hiring licensed contractor you can save yourself time, worry and money, and feel safe from injury. You can also help by notifying the Contractor Licensing Section of unlicensed contractor activity by calling (239) 252-2431 or our HOTLINE (239) 252-5607



## **CALL US WITH QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS**

**FIND OUT OR LOSE OUT!**

If you have questions about needing a permit or want to know if your contractor is licensed or has had complaints registered, please contact us at 252-2431.



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# *Collier County Contractor Licensing*

*Exceeding Expectations*



**Find out before  
you lose out!**

## ARE YOU CONSIDERING REMODELING YOUR HOME, BUILDING A POOL OR POOL CAGE, BUILDING AN ADDITION, HAVING MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL OR PLUMBING WORK DONE?

*Article III, Chapter 22 of the Code of Laws & Ordinances for Collier County and Chapter 489 of the Florida Statutes requires that contractors be licensed. The Collier County Growth Management Division/Licensing Section regulates licensed contractors and prosecutes unlicensed contractors. The Contractor Licensing Section can inform you whether your potential contractor is licensed and investigate building code violations against a contractor.*

### **UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR EARLY WARNING SIGNS**



1. Contractor displays only a Business Tax Receipt (Occupational License). In order to lawfully engage in contracting, a contractor must be licensed by the State of Florida or Collier County. Ask to see the contractor's certificate of competency issued by Collier County or the State of Florida contractor license.

2. **Contractor is only willing to work on weekends or after hours.** This is often a sign that the person is an employee who is contracting on his own without a license. Licensed contractors are full time professionals.
3. **A large down payment is requested before work begins.** Payments should only be for a part of the work. In order to be licensed, contractors must demonstrate sufficient financial ability to perform the type of project which the license is issued.
4. **Many requests for money during early phases of construction.** As stated in number 3, the contractor should be financially stable.
5. **You are asked to obtain the permit.** A licensed contractor who is in good standing will always obtain a permit. Unlicensed contractors cannot pull permits.



6. **Verbal contract only; contractor is not willing to put all terms in writing.** This is a sign of potential trouble.
7. **The contractor does not have proof of insurance.** Licensed contractors must have general liability and workers' compensation insurance in effect at all times.

8. **You are informed that the job does not require a permit or an inspection.** Check with your local building official. Almost all projects require a permit and an inspection. Any job over \$2500 require a signed Notice of Commencement.
9. **Someone other than the person or company contracting to do the work obtains the permit.** See Number 5
10. **You are asked to make your check payable to an individual's name (it should be made payable to a company), or asked to make payment in cash or to make the check payable to "cash".** Licensed contractors will have a separate business account.
11. **Newspaper, advertising flyer or yellow page ads where only the telephone number appears and there is not a business address.** Licensed contractors are required to include their certificate of competency number in all types of advertising.

