

PREVENTION THROUGH WISDOM



CAUTION

A Contractor is defined in the statute as a person who is qualified for, and is only responsible for, the project contracted for and means, except as exempted in this part, the person who, for compensation, undertakes to, submits a bid to, or does himself or herself or by others construct, repair, alter, remodel, add to, demolish, subtract from, or improve any building or structure, including related improvements to real estate, for others or for resale to others(...) – F.S.S.489.105

★ Unlicensed contracting can and does lead to arrest after no less than \$3,000.00 in fines.

WARNING SIGNS



ANY REQUEST MADE FOR FUNDS UP FRONT.
Payments should be for portions of work or services provided.



YOU ARE ASKED TO OBTAIN THE PERMIT YOURSELF.
If an owner obtains their own permits, they are responsible for the entire permitting process... Including acquiring a Certificate of Occupancy.

BUSINESS CARD HAS NO LICENSE NUMBER.
Licensed Contractors are required by law to include their license number on ALL advertising.



Contractor says NO PERMIT.
The contractor informs you the project does not require a permit. This could lead homeowners to hefty fines and a meeting with the magistrate. Call Building Services and speak with an inspector to find out the facts.



THE CONTRACTOR PROVIDED A LICENSE BUT YOU'RE NOT SURE IT'S VALID.
An occupational license or tax receipt does NOT qualify an individual to act as a contractor.
-Reach out to Contractor Licensing to find out



VERBAL CONTRACT.
The contractor is unwilling to put the agreement on paper, making the exchange unenforceable.



Knowingly hiring an unlicensed contractor can result in up to \$5000.00 in punitive damages to the homeowner

IGNORANCE IS NOT AN EXCUSE! BE INFORMED.



BUILDING SERVICES

Marco Island Building Services: (239) 389-5059
1310 San Marco Road – Suite B

Collier County Contractor Licensing
(239) 252-2431
Department of Business and Professional Regulation
MyFloridaLicense.com

REMEMBER: IT'S NOT UNLICENSED, IT'S THEFT!