

Common Red Flags

A Contractor may not be on the level when:

- *You can't verify the contractor's name, address, telephone number or credentials.*
- *You can't verify that the contractor is licensed, insured and/or bonded.*
- *The contractor won't give you references.*
- *The contractor asks you to obtain the building permits.*
- *You are asked to put down a large down payment up front, or pay the entire price of the job before work is started.*

** If you believe the contractor you hired is not performing up to the Workmanship Standards in Nevada, you may file a formal complaint with the Nevada State Contractors Board. Complaint forms can be downloaded from our website at: www.nscb.state.nv.us or obtained at our offices in Henderson or Reno, NV.*

The Contractor's License

Contracting without a license in Nevada is against the law. The first offense is a *Misdemeanor*, the second offense a *Gross Misdemeanor* and the third offense a *Class E Felony*.

Each person or corporation submitting a bid or contract for construction work must have a Nevada contractor's license in the appropriate license classification.

Either call the Nevada State Contractors Board, or go online to verify whether a contractor is licensed and in good standing.

Call our offices at:
(702) 486-1100 in S. Nevada
or
(775) 688-1141 in N. Nevada

WEBSITE:
www.nscb.state.nv.us

Get A Contractor Who Is On the Level



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Henderson

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10 Tips For Making Sure Your Contractor Is On The Level



Hire only licensed contractors.
(Also, obtain a list of all subcontractors and material suppliers who will be used on your project. Make sure the subcontractors are properly licensed).



Check the contractor's license number by calling the NSCB at: (702) 486-1100, Southern Nevada or (775) 688-1141, Northern Nevada or at: www.nscb.state.nv.us



Get three references and review the contractor's past work.



Get at least three bids.



Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.



For pool contracts, pay 10% down or \$1,000 - whichever is less, if a deposit is required.



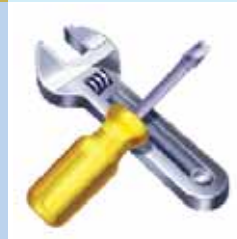
Don't let payments get ahead of the work. Keep a record of all payments. Don't make a final payment until you are satisfied with the job.



Don't pay in cash.



Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.



Check the contractor's record with the Better Business Bureau in your area or visit their website at: www.bbb.org