

Remember

An occupational license or handyman license is not a license to perform contracting work. If in doubt, call **(386) 878-8650**.

Homeowners hiring unlicensed contractors face several potentially costly penalties. Fines for aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors can be assessed by **DBPR**.



You are the most important person in the process to your new home or addition. Be an informed homeowner. Follow the tips provided in this brochure and help make the outcome of your project a satisfying and gratifying one.



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BEWARE OF UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS

Protect yourself by avoiding unlicensed contractors. **City of Deltona** is committed to protecting its citizens from unlicensed contractor activities. Be aware of what can happen if an unlicensed contractor is hired.

**You, The Homeowner,
Should Ask Questions**



- Ask what type of license they have. Request a copy of their license. In order to lawfully engage in contracting, a contractor must be either State Registered or State Certified, or Locally Licensed.
- Request a copy of their liability and workman's compensation exemption or insurance. Licensed contractors must have general liability and workman's compensation exemption or have workman's compensation insurance in force at all times.

**Protect Yourself
And
Protect Your
Property**



**Early Warning Signs of an
Unlicensed Contractor**

- A request for a large down payment before work starts.
- Constant requests for more money during early phases of construction.
- Contractor asks you to obtain the permit for the job.
- Verbal contract only, the contractor is not willing to put all terms in writing.
- The contractor does not have proof of insurance.
- If you are informed that the job does not require a permit or inspection. (You can always call the **City of Deltona** at **(386) 878-8650** to verify if a permit is actually required.)
- If the contractor can only work on weekends or after hours.
- Someone other than the person or company you contracted with to do the work, obtains the permit.
- Contractor displays only an occupational license. (An occupation license is not a license to perform contracting work.)

- You are asked to make checks payable to an individual when the contract is with a company, or asked to make payments in cash, or to make the check payable to "cash".
- License numbers or business addresses are not on the vehicle, business cards, contracts, flyers, newspapers or yellow page advertisements.



- And there're going to finish the job when?
- Be aware of what can happen if you hire an unlicensed contractor. If the work is not done to code or workmanship standards there is no recourse against the unlicensed contractor, other than through the civil courts.

Unlicensed activity reports can be found at the [Dept. of Business and Professional Regulations](http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/)(DPBR) web site at:
www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr/