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NSCB WARNS AGAINST SUMMER SCAMS

With the summer months come summer storms, and the Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) wants to help homeowners fight against becoming the targets of unlicensed contractors. Wildfires caused by lightening and other sources clear out the much needed vegetation making the likelihood of flooding greater. The impending monsoon season also increases the chance of floods as well as undiscovered leaky roofs in both Northern and Southern Nevada. Unlicensed contractors will prey on unsuspecting homeowners during times of crisis or natural disasters. Unlicensed contractors are aware of the vulnerabilities of unsuspecting homeowners in these situations, and it is very important to know how to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

There are many red flags that help homeowners be aware of unlicensed contractors. Be cautious of the door-to-door solicitors wanting to repair your homes offering “good deals”, but providing poor workmanship. Sometimes what may seem ‘too good to be true’ really is. Many of these unlicensed contractors offer cheap labor by using left-over materials. Others may demand money up-front to “buy materials” only to leave your home with water damage and your pocket book ‘high and dry’.

To avoid these circumstances the NSCB offers some helpful tips when hiring a contractor:

- **Hire only licensed contractors**
Unlicensed contracting is a crime in Nevada. It creates a liability risk to homeowners if the unlicensed contractor injures himself on your job. When you use a licensed contractor, the Nevada State Contractors Board can help in resolving workmanship issues, and you may be able to recover damages from the Residential Recovery Fund in the event that the licensed contractor fails to properly complete your project.
- **Be aware**
Pay attention to what's happening in your neighborhood. If someone is going door-to-door and you notice their vehicle, look for the five-digit contractor license number that should be displayed on it. Also look for the license number on business cards or advertisements.
- **Call the Contractors Board**
If you don't see a license number on a vehicle or business card, or if things look suspicious, contact the NSCB immediately at (702) 486-1160 or (775) 850-7838. You can remain anonymous if you wish. Also, keep an eye out for your senior neighbors. Scam artists often target them and will return repeatedly, talking payment each time for faulty work or none at all.

For more help and information or to report unlicensed contracting in your neighborhood, visit our website at www.nscb.state.nv.us. The NSCB can also be reached by phone at (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada.