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Homeowner Alert!

The Nevada State Contractors Board is warning homeowners to be on the alert for two unlicensed contracting companies advertising their services in the Southern Nevada area.

U.S.A. Plumbing & Electrical, a revoked licensed contractor, is currently advertising in local telephone directories under the names of **59 Minute Services, 1 Hour Response and USA Home Services.**

The Nevada State Contractors Board revoked their license on Feb. 21, 2007, for violations of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for misrepresentation involving need for service, replacement parts, equipment or repairs; misrepresentation of a material fact; a fraudulent or deceitful act; contracting on a name not on the license; failure to include the company name and license number in an advertisement, and failure to establish financial responsibility.

The Outdoor Experience, another unlicensed contractor, is currently advertising in a local newspaper to do patio covers and decorative concrete. This company is not licensed in Nevada and cannot do installations or hire subcontractors to do any work.

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The telephone contact information for The Outdoor Experience is *Monuments Backyard Experience*, aka Monument Construction, which had its licenses revoked by the Board on Oct. 3, 2006, for violations of Nevada Revised Statute 624 for failure to comply with the terms of a contract; disregard of the building laws of the state; failure to comply with the Board's notice to correct; substandard workmanship; knowingly making a false statement regarding a lien; failure to obtain building permits; and acting beyond the scope of their contractor's license.

Homeowners coming in contact with either U.S.A. Plumbing & Electrical or The Outdoor Experience should contact the NSCB, Special Investigations Unit, at: (702) 486-1100, ext. 1144.

The NSCB urges the public to hire only licensed contractors in good standing with the Board. Consumers can verify contractors' licenses and obtain helpful tips for working with contractors by calling (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada, or (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada. Licenses can be verified 24 hours a day by logging on to www.nscb.state.nv.us.

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