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CONTRACTORS BOARD ISSUES WARNING TO HOMEOWNERS AS POWERFUL STORM PUSHES THROUGH NEVADA

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) is out with a warning to homeowners as a strong winter storm pushes through the entire state this weekend bringing heavy snowfall and strong winds. The NSCB encourages residents in impacted areas to put together an emergency list of licensed contractors now, before a need arises, as natural disasters often result in the presence of unlicensed contractors canvassing communities to solicit unlawful repairs to residential properties.

An emergency list may include up to three licensed contractors in various trade areas like fencing, roofing, electrical, or HVAC. Homeowners should list the contractor's name, contact number, and license number for convenient and quick access in the event damages are incurred.

When researching licensed contractors to hire, homeowners should always verify each contractor has an active contractor's license with the Nevada State Contractors Board. Visiting www.nscb.nv.gov or downloading the NSCB Mobile App are two convenient ways to quickly check all pertinent license details before signing a contract.

"Homeowners who hire licensed contractors are eligible to receive the full resources of the Board should something go wrong during the course of their project," states NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. "When looking for a licensed professional, obtain at least three bids, check references, and make sure your contract is as detailed as possible before signing. Don't let payments get ahead of work performed and never pay in cash."

It is important for homeowners to be vigilant of the business practices of unlicensed contractors, which may include door-to-door solicitations, high-pressured sales tactics, demands for cash

payment, or requests to enter your home for a free estimate.

While unlicensed contractors may offer a lower quote, it is important to realize the heightened risks you assume when you trust your home or business to an unlicensed individual.

It is Nevada law that all contractors must be licensed.

- If workmanship issues arise, homeowners have four years to file a complaint with the Contractors Board.
- Homeowners may receive up to \$40,000 in financial recourse from the Residential Recovery Fund if the licensed contractor fails to correct the work
- Licensed contractors must demonstrate financial responsibility and undergo a background check and pass trade and law exams.
- Licenses are required for plumbing, electrical, HVAC, refrigeration, or for work needing a building permit.

The NSCB is a free resource available to homeowners in need and is happy to answer questions or concerns during all stages of a project. Call 702-486-1100 in Las Vegas or at 775-688-1141 in Reno with any questions or visit us at www.nscb.nv.gov for additional resources.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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