

Don't Get Nailed

Not all contractors operate within the law. Here are some tip-offs to potential rip-offs. A less than reputable contractor:

- >solicits door-to-door

- >offers you discounts for finding other customers

- >just happens to have materials left over from a previous job

- >only accepts cash payments

- >asks you to get the required building permit

- >does not list a business number in the local directory

- >tells you your job will be a "demonstration"

- >pressures you for an immediate decision

- >offers exceptionally long guarantees

- >asks you to pay for the entire job upfront

- >suggests that you borrow money from a lender the contractor knows. If you're not careful, you could lose your home through a home improvement scam