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## **Senior Citizens Awareness Program Empowers Seniors To Protect Themselves**

To assist senior citizens in knowing and understanding their rights when dealing with both unlicensed and licensed contractors, the Nevada State Contractors Board has developed a Senior Citizens Awareness Program. It is available, *free of charge*, to all senior citizens' groups statewide.



The NSCB recently discussed the benefits of the program with the Las Vegas Senior Citizens Advisory Board. Seniors don't have to be victims. The Nevada State Contractors Board provides helpful tips to follow that will protect unsuspecting senior citizens from unlicensed contractors and make them aware of their rights with licensed contractors.

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Follow these helpful tips:

- Hire only licensed contractors. Get the contractor's license number and verify it by calling (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. You can also go online at: **[www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us)**
- Take your time before making a decision to hire a contractor
- Get at least three bids
- Check references
- Get the contract in writing. Accept no verbal bids. Make sure all changes to the contract are in writing.
- Never pay in cash and always get receipts.

It is against the law to contract without a contractor's license in Nevada. The first offense is a misdemeanor, second offense a gross misdemeanor and the third offense is a Class E felony. To learn more about the Senior Citizens Awareness Program, or to schedule a representative from the Nevada State Contractors Board to address your group, call (702) 486-1161 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada.

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