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### **Two Reno Contractors Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity**

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted a sting operation in the Reno area for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

**Jack H. Bennett, dba Handyman**, was issued an administrative citation for *contracting without a license* for the installation of an electrical outlet. Bennett was advertising his services in the Big Nickel publication.

**Leslie Downing, dba The Woodshed**, was issued a warning letter for *advertising without a license*. Downing was advertising his services for electrical and other trades in the Big Nickel publication.

Homeowners are advised that unlicensed contractors frequently advertise their services in the Big Nickel. Contracting without a license in Nevada is a misdemeanor for the first offense, a gross misdemeanor for the second offense and a Class E felony for the third offense.

Homeowners who use unlicensed contractors are not eligible for the Residential Recovery Fund, and by law their contracts are null and void.

The NSCB recommends that homeowners not use unlicensed contractors because their work is generally poor quality, they are often uninsured and may not maintain

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Workman's Compensation coverage for their employees and the homeowner may be liable for all injuries to workers.

Consumers can check whether a contractor is licensed by calling: (702) 486-1100 in Southern Nevada, or (775) 688-1141 in Northern Nevada. License checks can also be conducted on the NSCB website at: [www.nscb.state.nv.us](http://www.nscb.state.nv.us) by clicking on the **“Contractor License Search & Disciplinary Actions Search”** icon.

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