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### Two Contractors Receive Citations For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

Nevada State Contractors Board investigators recently conducted sting operations in Northern and Southern Nevada for alleged unlicensed contracting activity.

**Richard P. Stidham, dba Handyman Very Reasonable**, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license*. Stidham provided a bid in the Reno area for the installation of an electrical outlet. He was advertising his services on Craig's List. Homeowners are advised that unlicensed contractors frequently advertise on Craig's List.

**Robert Allen Chavez, dba Pro Concept Handyman**, was issued a criminal citation for *contracting without a license* and *advertising without a license*. Chavez provided a bid in the Las Vegas area for painting.

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.

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