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**Nevada State Contractors Board Recognizes
National Consumer Protection Week**

In honor of National Consumer Protection Week (Feb. 2-8, 2003) the Nevada State Contractors Board reminds consumers to be aware of their rights and responsibilities when working with contractors.

As Spring approaches, many homeowners will begin to consider home improvements. The Nevada State Contractors Board is here to promote quality construction and help ensure that more Nevadans get what they pay for. The following ten tips will help.

Ten Tips to Make Sure Your Contractor is On the Level

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
2. Check the contractor's license number with the Contractors Board.
3. Get three references and review past work.
4. Get at least three bids.
5. Get a written contract.
6. Have all changes to contracts signed by both parties.
7. Keep a record of all payments and don't let payments get ahead of the work.
8. Don't make a final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
9. Don't pay cash.
10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.

Consumers can check a contractor's license number and get a five-year complaint history by calling the Nevada State Contractors Board at (775) 688-1141 in northern Nevada or (702) 486-1100 in southern Nevada. Helpful consumer information and forms can also be found on the Contractors Board website, www.nscb.state.nv.us.

For more information about National Consumer Protection Week, log on to www.consumer.gov.

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