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Reno Contractor Cited For Alleged Unlicensed Activity

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

Manuel Diaz, dba Home Specialist, submitted a *bid to construct a storage shed* for \$3,200. He was issued an administrative citation for allegedly *contracting without a license*.

Diaz was advertising on a local Reno grocery store bulletin board. Homeowners are advised that unlicensed contractors frequently use such sources to solicit business.

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)

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