



# NEVADA STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD

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### **Nevada State Contractors Board Issues Warning to Homeowners as Atmospheric River impacts the State**

**LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV.** – The Nevada State Contractors Board cautions homeowners throughout the state who may be affected by the atmospheric river impacting the state of Nevada. The Contractors Board is warning homeowners experiencing roof leaks or property damage to avoid hiring unlicensed contractors conducting door-to-door solicitations to repair roof leaks, interior water damage, fallen fences, and other noticeable damages. Unlicensed contractors are known to use high-pressure sales tactics, demand cash for payment, and offer “sales” that are too good to be true.

“Significant weather events pose an ideal opportunity for unscrupulous contractors to prey on homeowners in need of emergency repairs,” said NSCB Executive Officer Margi Grein. “We realize the urgency of a homeowner’s situation and encourage everyone to hire only licensed contractors for any repairs to ensure they receive the full protections of the Contractors Board.”

It is a criminal offense for anyone to contract without a license in the state of Nevada and can result in misdemeanor or felony charges. Unlicensed contractors do not carry workman’s compensation insurance, have not passed trade or law exams, and homeowners who hire an unlicensed contractor do not qualify for the Board’s Residential Recovery Fund should workmanship issues arise.

Homeowners can easily verify a contractor’s license by visiting the NSCB website at [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov) to ensure that the contractor is licensed for the work to be performed. Homeowners who come into contact with an unlicensed contractor should call the NSCB Unlicensed Contractor Hotline at: (702) 486-1160 or (775) 688-114

#### **Tips for Hiring a Licensed Contractor**

- Always hire a licensed contractor.
- Ask for the contractor’s license number when getting a quote and verify it on the NSCB website: [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov) or call the NSCB Office at (702) 486-1100.
- Obtain at least three bids prior to making your decision.
- Ask for references from each contractor and follow up with them to verify the quality and timeliness of the work previously performed for those customers.
- Make sure your contract is as detailed as possible, including type/color of materials, payment schedules, etc.

- Never sign a contract until you understand all the terms and agreements.
- Always obtain a receipt when payment is made. Never pay in cash. Use only check or credit card.
- Don't let payments get ahead of the work.
- Report suspicious activity to the Nevada State Contractors Board at (702) 486-1100 or in Reno at (775) 688-1141.

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*The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit [www.nscb.nv.gov](http://www.nscb.nv.gov).*

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