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WARNING

NEW FLORIDA STATE CRACK DOWN HOMEOWNERS FACE PENALTIES FOR HIRING UNLICENSED CONTRACTORS.

F.D.P.R. Officers Are Now Monitoring This Area

According to Florida Law, consumers who hire unlicensed contractors could face a fine of up to \$5,000.00. Chapter 455.228 of the Florida Statutes allows the Florida Department of Professional Regulation (DPR) to request the Circuit Court to impose a civil penalty of \$500.00 to \$5,000.00 on individuals who aid and abet unlicensed contractors. You may also be liable for court costs.

Aiding and abetting is defined by the Statute as anyone who employs an unlicensed contractor or company.

Consumers who hire such a contractor face not only victimization of shoddy workmanship, no follow-up service, and inferior products, they face potential difficulties with the law.

Make sure you see a copy of their Certificate of Competency and Workers Compensation Insurance. If info cannot be furnished they are not licensed.

To check as to a contractor's license, call:

DADE COUNTY

Contractor Licensing – (305) 234-1504 / Contractor Enforcement (305) 375-2530

BROWARD COUNTY

Contractor Licensing (954) 765-5108 #250
Building & Permitting (954) 765-4890 #245

PALM BEACH COUNTY

Contractor Licensing (561) 233-5525