



Beware of Unlicensed Contractors and How to Report Unlicensed Activity

Protect yourself and your property as you seek assistance for repair work performed during natural disasters.

It is important for you to always hire a State of Florida or Orange County licensed contractor for any repair work. Here are a few things to remember:

Who is an unlicensed contractor? The person offering to perform work without the required license is an unlicensed contractor.

What is unlicensed activity? When a person who is not licensed offers to perform work that requires a license that is issued and regulated by the state.

What steps can you take to ensure you do not become a victim of unlicensed activity?

- Know what scope of work requires a licensed contractor
 - Roof repairs, electrical repairs and wiring
- Verify the license is valid
- Review contract and any documents before signing
- Avoid making full payments until contractor has obtained final inspection for work that has been completed
- Report unlicensed contractor activity

Helpful resources and quick links:

Verify a licensed contractor

Orange County: www.fasttrack.ocfl.net/OnlineServices/ (click on licensed contractors)

State of Florida: www.myfloridalicense.com

Consumer Fraud: www.ocfl.net/fraud

Report unlicensed activity call 1-866-532-1440

You can also visit the **Division of Building Safety** located in the **Orange County Administration Center** at 201 South Rosalind Avenue, 1st Floor Orlando, FL 32801 or contact us at: **407-836-5550**.