



Help End Unlicensed Contracting

Licensed Contractors: You Can Help Put an End to Unlicensed Contracting

Simple steps you can take to help put an end to unlicensed contracting:

- Hire only appropriately licensed subcontractors. By hiring an unlicensed contractor, you are encouraging unlicensed contracting. If an unlicensed contractor is able to continually secure work, there is no incentive to get licensed. Most importantly, your own contractor's license is in jeopardy. Your license can be revoked or suspended and/or a monetary fine imposed against you for aiding and abetting an unlicensed contractor.
- Recommend only appropriately licensed contractors to others.
- Check the Internet at www.newmexlicense.org or call any of the CID offices and check out the names of all contractors you plan to hire to be sure they are appropriately licensed. Even if someone gives you a contractor's number or presents a wallet card, it does not mean he is currently or appropriately licensed.
- If any unlicensed subcontractor submits a bid for work to you, send a copy of that bid to any of the CID offices and mark it: "Attention: Unlicensed Contractor Information."
- If you notice any unlicensed contractors have bid the same project you did, send a copy of the bidder's list to any of the CID offices and mark it: "Attention: Unlicensed Contractor Information."
- If you confer with an owner, engineer, or architect on a proposed project, emphasize the importance of hiring only licensed contractors. Be sure the bid documents include a line for "NM Contractor's License Number."
- Emphasize your New Mexico contractor's license number on your signs, truck, stationery, invoices, business cards, and bids.
- When speaking to prospective customers, emphasize the importance of hiring only licensed New Mexico contractors and subcontractors. Tell prospective customers how to check the current licensing status of any contractor.
- Let your employees know that "moonlighting" or working after-hours on their own is not legal unless they are also licensed contractors.
- Be active in contractor groups and associations; compare notes with others about problems in the field.
- Educate the public and other contractors about licensing requirements.
- Request a speaker from CID for your association meetings.

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