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*President of the*  
**BROWARD COUNTY CRIME COMMISSION**



Says **NO** to  
~~HURRICANE FRAUD~~



[www.browardcrime.com](http://www.browardcrime.com)

**954-803-2139**

## **Important Telephone Numbers to verify the status of a contractor:**

**Department of Business  
and Professional Regulation: ..... 850-487-1395**

**Florida Construction  
Licensing Board: ..... 850-487-1395**

**Confirmation of  
Workers' Compensation: ..... 850-413-1601**

## **Enforcement Agencies for Crimes Committed:**

**Attorney General's Office: ..... 1-866-966-7226**

**State Attorney's Office  
of Economic Crimes: ..... 954-831-7206**

## **Important Web Sites:**

<http://myflorida.com/dbpr>

<http://myfloridalicense.com>

<http://floridadisaster.org>

## **Before signing any contracts:**

- Get a copy of the state contractors license.
- Get a clearly written proposal or contract that spells out exactly what will be done, including the cost, and the payment methods. Beware of any large sum deposits required up front.
- Get references and try to see other projects in your area. Contact building suppliers to verify credibility.
- Get the contractor's name, address, telephone number, cell phone number and professional license number on the contract. Ensure the contract has a completion date in it. Ensure the contract calls for proper cleanup after the project is completed.
- Get a copy of the permit for your project
- Get specific details of what is covered in the warranty. Ensure that both labor and materials are guaranteed. Sometimes only materials are guaranteed.
- Get a copy of the contractors workers' compensation policy and general liability policy so you are not responsible for any injuries or damages that take place on your project.
- Get a lien waiver from the contractor upon making a lump sum or final payment for any project. If, for some reason the contractor does not fulfill the terms of the contract, you should contact the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation.