



Licensed Contractors

DID YOU KNOW?

HOW DO I KNOW IF CONTRACTOR IS LICENSED? You can visit the [Accela website](#) to search a contractor or you can look up a contractor directly from the [DBPR website](#). You can also contact our Contractor Licensing Department at **727-847-8009** for us to verify.

DOES MY CONTRACTOR NEED A LICENSE? If they are doing any structural, plumbing, electrical, stucco, painting, tile, irrigation, carpentry, gas, mechanical etc. work then yes, they need to have a contractor's license. Please contact Pasco County to verify they have a legal and correct contractor's license before you hire them to do any work.

THEY SHOWED ME A LICENSE FROM ANOTHER STATE OR COUNTY; DOES THAT ALLOW THEM TO WORK IN PASCO COUNTY? No, they need to be registered in our Pasco County licensing system. Please call us at **727-847-8009** or go online to verify this on the [Accela website](#).

HOW DO I KNOW IF THEY HAVE INSURANCE? You can ask them to give you a certificate of insurance which should list the liability and workers comp coverage. Make sure those dates are current. If they don't or can't show you one, **do not** accept work from them. Contact a legal, licensed contractor who can show you proof of insurance.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I HIRE AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR? If they perform any work in your home or business, you are liable for all the work and you will not have warranty or guarantee on any of the work or any future issues. Most homeowner policy's do not cover any work if there are issues or if the work is done by an unlicensed or unpermitted activity.

HOW CAN I SEARCH IF THE CONTRACTOR I AM ABOUT TO HIRE IS A GOOD OR BAD CONTRACTOR? Do your homework: play detective, search on Google, search the [Better Business Bureau](#), [Pasco County](#), [DBPR](#), and search complaints to see if they are currently and actively pulling permits. Just because they may advertise, this does not qualify them to be a reliable or legal contractor. You can also ask neighbors and friends for references. If you get a bad feeling about someone then go with your instincts!

MY CONTRACTOR WON'T GIVE ME A WRITTEN ESTIMATE OR CONTRACT; IS THAT ACCEPTABLE? No, it is not acceptable. All construction work should be included in a written contract with both the contractor's signature and the homeowner's signature. The contract should state if a permit is needed and it is the contractor's responsibility to obtain it. **Never** pay full price until all work is completed and passes required inspections. **NOTE:** A phone text is not a written contract!