

# HIRING THE CONTRACTOR THAT IS RIGHT FOR YOU

We believe that WE are the right contractor for you! However, even if we don't get to work with you, we would still like to give you a quick lesson of what to look for when hiring a professional and competent contractor. It is in the best interest of our industry and your peace of mind to make sure the contractors working on/in your home will give you the best product and a great experience.

Here are some basic things to check when selecting a contractor.

## 1. Make sure you are comfortable and trust the company you hire

Remodeling your home requires building a close relationship with your contractor. If you are doing a large project, you will work closely with their team through the planning stages and then they will be in your home for many days, weeks or possibly months. (Depending on the size and scope) Your relationship with the team that will complete your renovation is critical to making it an enjoyable experience.

## 2. Is the contractor licensed?

General Contractors are certified. Check out their record and license at [www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com). Please know that a city or county occupational license does not allow a contractor to operate as a contractor.

## 3. Is the contractor insured?

This is an important one. Your contractor should carry business liability, workers compensation and auto insurance to protect you & them while they are working on your home. Did you know that your homeowner's insurance will not cover any injury to someone on your property if you hired an unlicensed and uninsured contractor?

## 4. Is the contractor using sub-contractors on your project?

Have the contractor supply you with license and insurance information for the subcontractors individually. Physical injuries to the sub contractors employees could come back to you if they are not insured.

## 5. Do not allow work to start without a signed contract.

Down payments should not be more than 10-25% typically

6. **Is the scope of work what you expect to have completed as part of your renovation.**

If the specifics are included we would recommend that the you not sign the contract and make sure that everything is writing.

7. **Beware of the following:**

- Contractor asks for a large down payment
- Contractor only works nights and weekends.
- Has no license number on business cards or contacts
- Contractor only wants to make a verbal agreement and not put anything on paper.
- Doesn't have proof of license or insurance.

Should you have any questions or we can be of service. Please contact us. We'll be glad to help!

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