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**WHY HIRE A LICENSED ROOFING CONTRACTOR?
MILLIONS OF DOLLARS ARE LOST BY CONSUMERS WHO DON'T HIRE LICENSED
ROOFING CONTRACTORS!
DID YOU KNOW...**

**Over 900 complaints are filed against unlicensed individuals each year through
Construction Industries...**

85% of all construction lawsuits involve roofing related problems...

Manufacturer material warranties are only valid when the material is properly installed...

Contracts signed with unlicensed contractors are invalid and unenforceable in court...

One of the most common cases is when the "roofer" cannot be located when a problem develops with the roof he installed. If there is a problem with a roof installed by a licensed contractor you have more than a telephone number to fall back on. You have the assurance that the contractor is licensed, therefore bonded and has met the qualifications required by the State of New Mexico. The State of New Mexico has rigid standards for professional roofing contractors.

Only those who meet these standards can qualify for roofing contractors' license. These licenses are YOUR best protection. Should you have a legitimate dispute with a licensed roofing contractor you have the right to file a complaint with the New Mexico Construction Industries Division. In most cases, your complaint will be resolved satisfactorily.

By using a licensed contractor, you preserve your rights to legal recourse should arbitration fail. You may have no legal recourse should you use an unlicensed individual. Contracting without a license in the State of New Mexico is a CRIMINAL OFFENSE! Contracting without a license is a Class1 Misdemeanor, punishable by fines or imprisonment or both.

BEWARE OF THE RISKS!

The State of New Mexico requires that anyone who contracts to perform roofing services including labor and material must have a valid New Mexico contractor's license. THIS LAW WAS WRITTEN TO PROTECT YOU! It was implemented for good reasons. If someone performs roofing services without a contractor's license, THEY ARE BREAKING THE LAW! In most cases, unlicensed roofers do not have worker's compensation insurance. They do not have **liability insurance**. They are not **bonded**. They do not pay **City, State or Federal taxes**. They do not secure **permits** when required. All of the above can cause YOU grave consequences! When the roofer is unlicensed, you are considered to be their employer. You can be personally liable for employment taxes. If an accident or injury occurs you could be held liable for medical costs. You could also be exposed to future lawsuits. Roofing is a dangerous business! Don't assume a potentially devastating liability by hiring an unlicensed roofer.

SELECTING A CONTRACTOR

Your home is an important and valuable asset; you should not trust just anyone to roof it. Before hiring a roofing contractor you should follow these simple steps:

1. Have the roofing contractor provide you with a list of references, including former customers in your area.
2. Check the roofing contractor's license. Make sure he has a GS21, GB2 or GB98 license. Make sure the license is current and in good standing.
3. Check the contractor's complaint record. The number of complaints should not eliminate a contractor from consideration unless it is extreme. The manner in which the complaints were resolved is much more important and will help determine if you want to do business with this company.
4. Inquire as to the contractor's insurance coverage. Does he have both worker's compensation and liability insurance and will he provide you with certificates of insurance? To verify license and complaint information call the New Mexico Construction Industries Division at the following numbers: Contractors' Licensing Services, Inc. at 505-452-8311, or any CID office: Albuquerque at 505-222-9800, Santa Fe at 505 4764700 or Las Cruces at 505-524-6320. Or you may go to the Construction Industries Division website at: <http://www.rld.state.nm.us/> or <http://www.contractorsnm.com:8080/clsi/main?action=A1>.