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Media Advisory

Arizona Registrar of Contractors Warns to Beware of Unlicensed Contractor Scams

This week's powerful storms left behind a trail of damage, and crooks may be trying to use that as an opportunity to cash in. The Registrar of Contractors is warning people to protect themselves from fraudulent contractors coming to their doors and offering their services -- they may be scam artists.

Tips on hiring a contractor:

- Consult the Arizona Registrar of Contractors, www.azroc.gov , to ensure the contractor is licensed.
- Ask for written estimates from at least three contractors.
- Request a list of references, and check them before agreeing to hire anyone.
- Make sure the scope of the project, the price and any other relevant terms are spelled out in a written contract.
- Avoid contractors who require large upfront payments.
- Never allow yourself to be hurried into making a decision. No reputable contractor will pressure you into a quick hiring decision.

Other tips about hiring qualified contractors can be found at www.azroc.gov.

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