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We are currently seeing a high volume of unlicensed activity within the City of New Smyrna Beach. Please, protect yourself. If you are considering doing any work to your home, please consider the following:

- **Is the contractor you're considering to hire qualified? Hiring an unlicensed contractor violates Florida Building Code.**
 - Department of Business & Professional Regulation licensing check can be done through their website: [click here for DBPR](#)
 - Volusia County Connect Live can be used to verify licensing and insurance by using their website: [click here for Volusia County Connect Live](#)
 - Volusia County Contractor Handyman and trades requirements form: [Trades-Hand-out.pdf \(volusia.org\)](#)
- **If you are looking to obtain an owner/builder permit, do you meet the state mandated Qualifications per Florida State Statute 489.103 (7)?**
[State of Florida Owner/Builder Requirements](#)
- **Permits** - Majority of all home improvements, such as plumbing and electrical, require a permit. Please contact the building department at 386-410-2860 for assistance.
- **Business Tax Receipt** IS NOT a Permit. A business tax receipt is *not* a license to perform contracting work. If in doubt, call us at 386-410-2860

*Homeowners who hire unlicensed contractors face several potential costly penalties. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation can issue an Order to Stop Construction and can levy a **\$5,000 fine** for aiding and abetting unlicensed contractors. To report an unlicensed contractor, telephone DBPR at 850-487-1395.