

Why You Should Hire a Licensed Contractor

It's the Law. However, you, as an owner occupied resident can legally obtain permits to work on your residence.

Hiring a licensed contractor ensures:

- Contractor has met qualifications to do the job.
- Contractor will apply for all required permits.
- Contractor will be insured and will not become your liability if a worker is injured on the job.



- Safety of individuals and buildings and meet current Building Codes.
- Healthy living environment i.e., indoor air quality.
- There is recourse for sub-standard work, licensed contractors are regulated by the State and or County.
- The contractor will request Inspections, Certificates of Completion, and Certificates of Occupancy, as needed.

How to Recognize an Unlicensed Contractor

Unmarked contractor's vehicles.

Construction being done mainly on week-ends.

Construction done mainly before or after regular working hours.

Requests a huge initial deposit.

Requests the deposit in cash.

Reluctant to provide a written quote with work details, cost, and end date.

Request that you apply for Building Permits.

Unable to verify license go on the Florida State myfloridalicense.com or Pasco County pascocountyfl.net click on contractor licensing.



Building Construction Services
Building Inspections Division
Unlicensed Contractor Program
(727) 847-2411, Extension 2692

To verify a license call 727-847-8009
Website: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net>

PASCO COUNTY UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR PROGRAM Building Inspections Division

Hire Only Licensed Contractors... it's the Law



**Report Suspected Unlicensed
Contractors
(727) 847-2411 x 2692**

Unlicensed Contracting is Illegal In Pasco County

When is a Permit Required

There are exemptions for all construction, interior and/or exterior work. Contact Building Construction Services for specifics 727-847-8127.



Why Do I Need a Permit

To avoid Public Health concerns, e.g., food safety; life safety concerns, e.g., structural stability.

Who Can Obtain a Permit

Homeowners and Licensed Contractors

How Do I Obtain a Permit

Online or in person at the Building Construction Services, Central Permitting offices located in New Port Richey, Land O'Lakes, or Dade City.

When Does a Permit Expire

A permit is good for six months unless an extension is granted.

Is a Certificate of Completion or a Certificate of Occupancy Required

At the completion of a permitted remodeling project, it is recommended that a Certificate of Completion be obtained. At the completion of new construction it is recommended that a Certificate of Occupancy be obtained.

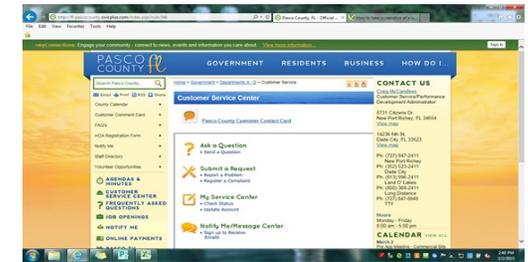
Avoid Unlicensed Activities

- Visit the State of Florida and Pasco County license websites to verify a license is current and in good standing. Myfloridalicense.com and pascocountyfl.net
- Do not accept an "Occupational License" i.e., a business license; it is not a Contractor's License.
- Get a written contract with a detailed description of the work to be done, completion date, and the total cost.
- The Contractor's license number should be on the vehicle, business card, contract, etc.
- Ask for references and check them.
- Do not pay a portion or all of the money up front or in cash.
- Never write checks made payable to individuals when dealing with a company.
- Ask the contractor to show you proof of General Liability and/or Workman's Compensation Insurance.
- Be suspicious of contractors who solicit door to door.

To report suspected Unlicensed Contractors, call (727) 847-2411, Extension 2692, or go online to our Customer Service Center on the County's website at:

www.pascocountyfl.net

Go to the customer service page



Please provide:

- Individual or "Company" Name
- Location Where Work is Occurring
- Type of Work Being Done
- Vehicle Description
- Day and Time When Activity is Occurring

Help to Deter Unlicensed Contractors