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AFTER A DISASTER DON'T GET SCAMMED!

If your home or property has been damaged by a fire, flood, earthquake or other disaster, don't let unscrupulous individuals take advantage of you during this vulnerable time.

Please follow this basic advice before you hire a contractor or sign any documents for repairs.

- Don't rush into repairs, no matter how badly they are needed.
- Get at least three bids. Don't hire the first contractor who comes along.
- Be cautious about door-to-door offers of repair services and flyers or business cards that are left on your doorstep.
- Ask friends, family and associates for recommendations about contractors they have used.
- NEVER pay in cash.
- Even for the smallest job, require proof of a contractor's license for the type of work that needs to be done.
- Get a written contract that details every aspect of the work plan.

additional resources

GET ANSWERS

Mississippi State Board of Contractors

2679 Crane Ridge Drive, Suite C
Jackson, Mississippi 39216
Phone: (601)-354-6161
Fax: (601)-354-6715
www.ms boc.us
info@msboc.us

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

U.S. Department of Homeland Security
500 C Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20472
Phone: (800) 621-FEMA (3362)
Fax: (800) 827-8112
www.fema.gov

National Association of State Contractors

Licensing Agencies (NASCLA)

23309 North 17th Drive, Suite 110
Phoenix, Arizona 85027
Phone: (866) 948-3363
Fax: (623) 587-9625
info@nascla.org
www.nascla.org

MORE CONSUMER RESOURCES

Council of Better Business Bureaus

4200 Wilson Blvd, Suite 800
Arlington, VA 22203-1838
Phone: (703) 276-0100
Fax: (703) 525-8277
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