

FRAUD ALERT!

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YOU CAN PREVENT HOME IMPROVEMENT FRAUD

Home improvement fraud is the number one consumer fraud prosecuted by metro area district attorneys. You CAN prevent fraud by following these steps:

DON'T do business with door-to-door contractors – be especially wary of those using scare tactics or offering bargains.

DO call your local building department to verify a contractor's license.

DO get at least three bids. Don't necessarily choose the lowest bid.

DO get a Better Business Bureau report: 303-222-4444, www.denverbbb.org

DO insist on a written contract that details the work to be done and materials used, the start and completion dates.

DO ask the contractor to show you proof of liability insurance.

DON'T pay any money up front.

DON'T pay in full until 1) the job is complete, 2) you're satisfied, 3) you've received a "lien waiver" showing the contractor has paid sub contractors and suppliers, and 4) an inspector has signed off on the job.

Need help? Call the DA Fraud Specialist

720-913-9196

You will reach a live person!