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FINDING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR

Simple Guide to Hiring with Confidence



1. GETTING STARTED

Clearly write down what work you need done
(Example: repairs, installation, renovation)

- Set a budget you are comfortable with
- Think about your timeline (when you want it done)
- Gather photos or ideas to show the contractor



2. RESEARCHING CONTRACTORS

- Look for contractors who are licensed and insured
- Read online reviews (*Google is a good place to start*)
- Ask friends or family for recommendations
- Check how long they have been in business



3. GETTING QUOTES

Ask for 1–2 written quotes

- Make sure each quote includes:
 - Work to be done
 - Materials
 - Timeline
- Be cautious of very low prices
(*They may cut corners or add costs later*)



4. BEFORE YOU HIRE

- Ask for references from past customers
- Look at photos of previous work
- Ask if they offer a warranty or guarantee
- Confirm if permits are required and included



5. CONTRACTS & PAYMENTS

Get everything in writing:

- Scope of work
- Total cost
- Timeline
- Agree on a payment schedule
(*Avoid paying everything upfront*)
- Make sure any changes are written down



6. DURING THE PROJECT

- Stay in regular communication
- Check progress from time to time
- Keep records of payments and updates



7. AFTER THE JOB IS DONE

- Do a final walkthrough
- Make sure all work is completed as agreed
- Collect receipts and warranty information



WATCH OUT FOR (RED FLAGS)

- No license or insurance
- Asking for full payment upfront
- No written quote or contract
- Poor communication or pressure to decide quickly



Friendly Tip

- A good contractor will:
- ✓ Answer your questions clearly
 - ✓ Be honest about costs and timelines
 - ✓ Make you feel comfortable and respected



Take your time and trust your instincts.

If something feels off –
it's okay to walk away.



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