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MAKE SURE YOUR
CONTRACTOR MEASURES UP



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Hire only state-licensed contractors.

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Check a contractor's license number online at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling (800) 321-CSLB (2752).

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Get at least three bids.

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Get three references from each bidder and review past work in person.

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Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand the terms.

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Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.

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Never pay more than 10% down or \$1,000, whichever is less. Don't pay in cash.

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Don't let payments get ahead of the work.

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Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including all payments.

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Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.



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