

Don't Be A Victim of Unlicensed Activity

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation licenses more than one million individuals in professions that touch your life every day. Each has the training and experience necessary to be awarded a Florida license.

Professional licensing laws exist to protect the health, safety and welfare of all Floridians. Whether it is to protect your financial well being during a construction or real estate transaction, or your health while receiving cosmetology services or eating in a restaurant, these regulations are designed for your protection.

Unfortunately, unlicensed activity exists in virtually every profession. These unlicensed individuals cause extensive physical and monetary damage to Florida's citizens every year. They choose not to comply with state law for a variety of reasons:

- May not be able to meet the financial requirements.
- May not be able to pass a background screening.
- May not meet the education or experience (skill) requirements.
- May not meet the worker's compensation and/or liability insurance requirements.
- May not want to abide by the rules of their chosen profession, or the laws established by the legislature for the protection of the public.

Play it safe and ask to see the professional's license. All state-generated licenses include a wallet card in addition to the main license. Verify that the license you are shown confirms the person's identity. If in doubt, ask to see additional identification. Note the license number and check with the Department of Business and Professional Regulation to verify that the license is current and active.

Some people claim to be experts, but only Florida's licensed professionals can prove it.

Why settle for anything less!