

10 Tips

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Make Sure Your Contractor Measures Up



- 1** Hire only state-licensed contractors.
- 2** Check a contractor's license number online at www.cslb.ca.gov or by calling 800.321.CSLB (2752).
- 3** Get at least three bids.
- 4** Get three references from each bidder and review past work in person.
- 5** Make sure all project expectations are in writing and only sign the contract if you completely understand the terms.
- 6** Confirm that the contractor has workers' compensation insurance for employees.
- 7** Avoid paying more than 10% down or \$1,000, whichever is less.* Avoid paying in cash.
- 8** Avoid letting payments get ahead of the work.
- 9** Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project, including all payments.
- 10** Avoid making the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.

** There is an exception to this rule for about a dozen contractors who have filed a blanket performance and payment bond with the Registrar. This information is noted on the contractor's license detail page on CSLB's website.*



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