CONTRACTOR RED FLAGS

From Laurie and Linda

Your home is one of your most valuable investments which is why it's vital for you to pick dependable honest contractors to work on your castle. Just watch out for these six RED Flags!

Make sure to check out their references. Reputable contractors should be happy to provide you with a list from satisfied customers.

A huge red flag is a demand for payment upfront. Never pay them until the job is done to your complete satisfaction. Some contractors may ask for a small amount of money upfront so they can buy supplies and start the job.....and this is OK.

Beware of contractors asking for only cash payments. You'll end up with no proof of payment and may have a hard time getting your money back if the job is not completed.

Ask if they have personal liability and property damage insurance. If they don't have it, you'll be liable for any damage or personal injury that occurs on your job site.

If they won't give you an estimate in writing—run fast! You'll never have any proof of what the correct charge should have been.

Just because they offer you a low price for the work doesn't mean the work will be of good quality. Do some preliminary research so you at least know a ballpark figure for what you're getting done.

And.....if you're getting it ready to put on the market, be sure to call Laurie and Linda for a free no-obligation assessment of the value.