

STATE CONTRACTORS BOARD SUSPENDS POOL BUILDER

Aqua Pools & Spas, license number 32428 (Commercial and Residential Pools) and **Anchor Patio Covers**, license number 34721 (Wood and Metal Patios) based out of Las Vegas, NV were summarily suspended by the Nevada State Contractors Board.

The Board acted under a provision of the Nevada revised Statutes (NRS) 624.291 which gives the Board authority to suspend the license of a contractor without a hearing if the board finds, based upon evidence in its possession, that the public health, safety or welfare imperatively requires summary suspension of the license.

A hearing on the matter will be scheduled in the near future.

The Nevada State Contractors Board offers the following helpful tips for consumers when dealing with contractors:

10 TIPS FOR MAKING SURE YOUR CONTRACTOR IS ON THE LEVEL

1. Hire only licensed contractors.
 2. Check the contractor's license number by calling 1-702-486-1100 in southern Nevada or 1-775-688-1141 in northern Nevada or doing a License Check by visiting our website at: www.state.nv.us/nscb/.
 3. Get three references, and review past work.
 4. Get at least three bids.
 5. Get a written contract and do not sign anything until you completely understand the terms.
 6. Pay 10% down or \$1000, whichever is less if a deposit is required.
 7. Don't let payments get ahead of work. Keep records of payments.
 8. Don't make the final payment until you're satisfied with the job.
 9. Don't pay cash.
 10. Keep a job file of all papers relating to your project.
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The Nevada State Contractors' Board is committed to protecting the public's health, safety, and welfare through licensing and regulation of the construction industry. Under Nevada Revised Statutes, a licensee is subject to disciplinary action by the Board for failure to comply with the requirements of the laws or regulations governing contractors. Violations may result in Board action against the contractor's license. The State Contractors' Board has the power to regulate contractors and discipline licensees who violate NRS 624. Disciplinary action may consist of a fine of up to \$10,000 per offense, order corrective action, suspension, revocation or other action.

The Board will convene next in Reno, NV on August 7, 2001.