

STATE CONTRACTORS' BOARD TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION AGAINST TWO CONTRACTORS

RENO, NV – At its meeting on June 5, 2001, the Nevada State Contractors' Board adjudicated cases against two licensed contractors.

John Fritz Construction, license number 25966 (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Reno, NV, was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship. A one-year letter of reprimand was placed in the file and the licensee was assessed the cost of investigation.

M.B. Lewis Construction Inc., license number 39667A (Residential and Small Commercial) based out of Fallon, NV was found in violation of Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) Chapter 624 for substandard workmanship; contracting beyond the scope of a license; failure to comply with a notice to correct; and failure to include the monetary limit on a contract or proposal. The Board revoked the license of M. B. Lewis Construction Inc.

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.

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 Las Vegas, NV on June 19, 2001.