

Find a Reliable & Reputable Roofer

How to avoid unscrupulous and inexperienced roofers

Call your insurance agent to confirm that the damage is covered by your policy and make sure you understand what is covered by insurance.

Do your homework and obtain at least 3 estimates in writing, require references from the contractor and check them out.

Get a contractor who is an established member of the community and has a proven track record.

Work only with insured or bonded contractors.

Make sure you understand the proposed contract—don't sign contracts that aren't completely filled out, reject a contract if it has blanks to be filled in later.

Get everything in writing—cost, description of work to be completed, time schedule, guarantees, payment schedule.

Don't make the final payment until all of the work is done and you are satisfied with the job.

Beware of "storm-chasers" that descend on neighborhoods with homes hit hard by the storm.

Warning signs to look for—

- Door-to-door solicitations.
- Out-of-state references only.
- Contractors who are not bonded or insured.
- Offers of "specials" or "extra-cheap work."
- Demand for cash payment for a job.
- Require 100% of the job be paid upfront.
- Contractors wanting you to sign a blank contract.

*If it sounds too good to be true,
it probably is!*



