

# AVOIDING CONTRACTOR FRAUD



Get more than one estimate



Get everything in writing



Ask to see the salesperson's driver's license and write down the license number and their vehicle's license plate number



Never sign a contract with blanks; unacceptable terms can be added later



Make sure you review and understand all documents sent to your insurance carrier



Demand references and check them out



Never pay a contractor in full or sign a completion certificate until the work is finished and ensure reconstruction is up to current code



Never let a contractor pressure you into hiring them



For additional information visit the **NATIONAL INSURANCE CRIME BUREAU** website:

**[www.nicb.org/disaster-tips](http://www.nicb.org/disaster-tips)**