



TIPS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Tips On Finding A Professional Certified Roofing Contractor

(NAPSA)—If your roof is damaged in a storm, earthquake or fire, there are ways by which you can make sure the repair job doesn't turn out to be a disaster.

To protect your home and pocketbook from fly-by-night roofing contractors, the Tile Roofing Institute (TRI) recommends the following tips:

Business: Check for a permanent place of business, telephone number, tax I.D. number and, where required, a business license.

Insurance: Insist on seeing copies of the contractor's liability insurance coverage and workers' compensation certificates. Make sure the coverages are in effect through the duration of the job. U.S. workers' compensation laws vary by state. Consult your state's laws to determine workers' compensation insurance requirements.

Track Record: Look for a company with a proven track record and one that readily offers customer references and a list of completed projects. Call these customers to find out whether they were satisfied.

Licensed: Check to see whether the contractor is properly licensed or bonded. Call your state's licensing board for your state-specific requirements (where applicable).

Written Proposal: Insist on a written proposal with complete descriptions of the work and specifications, including approximate starting and completion dates and payment procedures.

Industry Association Member: Check to see if the contractor



Working with a certified professional roofer can help ensure the quality of your roof repair job.

is a member of a regional or national industry association, such as the Tile Roofing Institute or local roofing association.

Better Business Bureau: Call to check for any complaints that have been filed.

Quality Control: Have the contractor explain his project supervision and quality control procedures. Request the name of the person who will be in charge, how many workers will be required and the estimated time of completion.

Warranty: Carefully read and understand any roofing warranty offered and watch for provisions that would void it.

Be Smart: Keep a healthy skepticism about the lowest bid. Professionalism and quality workmanship should also weigh heavily on your decision.

To find a professional certified tile roofing contractor, check out the Tile Roofing Institute Web site at www.tilerooting.org.