

# Beware of Fraudulent Contractors

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The Hermit's Peak/Calf Canyon Claims Office cautions claimants to be aware of post-disaster fraud and scams. Attempts to scam residents can be made over the phone, by mail or email, through the internet or in person. It is important to remain alert, as con artists are creative and resourceful. If an offer sounds too good to be true, it should be questioned.

## Be Aware of These Contractor Scams and Warning Signs

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- Door-To -Door Solicitations
- High Pressure Sales or Scare Tactics
- Demand for Cash, Unusually Large Down Payments, or Advanced Full Payment
- Special Deals or Extremely Low Bids
- Verbal Agreements, No Written Contract
- Out of State, No Permanent Place of Business, No Insurance
- Inadequate References

Being aware of these important clues can save you from substantial financial loss and stress. To verify the license of a contractor please contact the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department, Construction Industries Division at (505) 476-4700 or [online](#). Report suspicious activity of this kind to your local police department, the FEMA Disaster Fraud Hotline at (866) 223-0814, [Office of the Attorney General Consumer Protection Section in New Mexico](#) or submit a complaint by [visiting the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General](#). You can also report suspected fraud to the [Better Business Bureau](#) at (505) 346-0110.

