

DON'T GET BURNED TWICE GUIDANCE FOR SELECTING A CONTRACTOR

With the recent catastrophic fire event, you can be assured that there will be a number of unlicensed 'contractors' trying to contact you if your house was damaged or destroyed. Knowing the desire to have your life return to normal as quickly as possible, they often make promises that are not possible to meet, and when you are halfway into the project you may be stuck. Some of you may have never had a house built, so please think about the following items so you can get through the process as smoothly as possible:

- Don't sign any contract before having it reviewed by an attorney
- Interview at least 3 General Contractors
- Ask for three references and contact all of the references
- Access the [RBD website](#) to check to see if a contractor is licensed to perform work in El Paso County. If you don't have access to a computer call 327-2880 to talk with our contractor licensing department. Please be aware that RBD authority to license and regulate contractors is limited to the following general trades:

Building (including demolition/ wrecking)
Electrical
HVAC
Gas
Plumbing

Building a new home can take up to a year to complete depending on the size and finishes put into the home ... so please be patient, be smart and don't let yourself get burned twice.