



Where to Find Contractors

- Contractors associations
- Referrals from friends
- Trade associations
- General advertising
- Consumer-based websites



Tips for Selecting a Contractor

- How long has the contractor been in business
- Ask for references and check them out
- Check for appropriate insurance, including worker's compensation and liability insurance for the work they are performing.
- Check State Contractor's License Board
 - www.cslb.ca.gov
 - Verify license
 - License status



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- At least three bids are recommended.
- Work and details should be in writing.
- Question bids that are significantly lower or higher.
- Bid should cover entire job and include necessary permit fees.
- Are bids net of any rebates?
- Contractor should not offer discount to “sign up now.”
- Will contractor guarantee work?
- Final payment should not be required until all work is complete.