

HIDDEN TRAILS HOA NEWSLETTER

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT

While doing some research, we came across the following information which applies not only to building contractors but to landscapers and to fence builders as well. Homeowners can hire anyone they choose to do routine gardening and maintenance **but:**

- The variety of contractors working in CA who accept projects which cost \$500 (not \$5,000) or more must be licensed by the State Licensing Board. This is not the same as a business license issued by a local jurisdiction. The cost of a state issued license is affordable and is an important investment in a person's business.

- CA has very strict laws regarding unlicensed contractors because:

- Unlicensed contractors generally do not carry liability insurance or enroll their laborers in the Workers' Compensation program. This means that if a homeowner's property is damaged, the homeowner likely will not receive compensation from an unlicensed contractor. On the other hand, if a worker is hurt on a homeowner's property, the homeowner can be sued by the worker for not providing a safe working environment.

- Frequently, unlicensed contractors do not properly report their income nor do they file payroll taxes for their workers. Much of this work is done in the underground economy.

- An unlicensed contractor may not have the proper training and qualifications to carry out the projects for which s/he is being hired.

- The state considers it the responsibility of the person doing the hiring to exercise due diligence in choosing a licensed contractor for any project that costs \$500 or more.



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