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Construction Contractors Board Issues Over \$352,000 in Civil Penalties for Unlicensed Activity

Between April – June 2009, the Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB) issued \$352,200 in civil penalties to 220 construction businesses for working or offering to work as a contractor without a license.

In a recent survey, 91percent of homeowners think that it is important to use a licensed contractor. The CCB believes that many homeowners do not realize that the contractor isn't properly licensed.

Homeowners can verify a contractor's license at www.oregon.gov/CCB or by calling the agency at 503-378-4621.

“Licensed contractors are bonded and required to have insurance,” says Rich Blank, Enforcement Manager. “This offers homeowners some financial protections if something were to go wrong.”

Unlicensed activity also hurts legitimate contractors that work hard at meeting the requirements of the license.

The CCB is a state agency licensing more than 43,000 contractors. Anyone who is paid to repair, improve or build a home must be licensed by the CCB. Consumers can verify a contractor's license and find information for successful projects at: www.oregon.gov/CCB . Information is also available by calling 503-378-4621.

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