

Contractor Selection Tips

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The tips below may be useful when selecting a contractor for your home repairs/modifications.

Acquire bids from multiple contactors

- Gather 2 or more estimates for the repairs/modifications needed in your home.
- Compare estimates to understand the scope of work to be completed, materials provided, payment terms, and timelines.

Research the contractor's reputation

- Ask others you trust for referrals from contractors they have positive experiences with.
- Research reviews from other customers online.
- Ask the contractor for references directly. A reputable contractor will be able to provide evidence of their experience.

Verify the contractor is licensed and insured

- Ask the contractor for proof of license and insurance.
- Contact the local licensing bureau and insurance company to verify.

Obtain a contract in writing

- Review the contract and ensure you understand before signing it.
- A well written contract should have terms such as a detailed description of work being completed, payment terms, estimated state date, and any guarantees such as on parts and labor.

Anticipate delays

- Delays happen due to circumstances like weather and supply chain issues.
- Be realistic and prepare to adjust your plans accordingly.

Plan for the unexpected

- If the original contractor is not responsive or cannot perform the work as agreed, have a back-up in place.