

PUBLIC NOTICE WARNING
HOMEOWNERS FACE PENALTIES FOR HIRING UNLICENSED
CONTRACTORS!!!

According to Florida Law, consumers who knowingly hire unlicensed construction contractors could face a fine of up to \$5,000.

Chapter 455-228 of the Florida Statutes allows the Florida department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) to impose a civil penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 on individuals who aid and abet unlicensed contractors. They may also be liable for court cost, **AIDING AND ABETTING IS DEFINED BY THE STATUTE AS ANYONE WHO EMPLOYS AN UNLICENSED CONTRACTOR OR COMPANY.**

“CONSUMERS WHO HIRE SUCH A CONTRACTOR FACE NOT ONLY VICTIMIZATION BY SHODDY WORKMANSHIP, NO FOLLOW-UP SERVICE, AND INFERIOR PRODUCTS; THEY FACE POTENTIAL DIFFICULTIES WITH THE LAW.”

For county issued permitting services call
(941) 748-4501 ext. 3800

To report unlicensed contractors,
call Manatee County (941)749-3084 or 311
E-mail: code.enforcement@mymanatee.org