

CFO JIMMY PATRONIS' CONSUMER TIPS

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BE WARY OF FLY-BY-NIGHT REPAIR COMPANIES!

- Hire only licensed professionals.
- Be cautious of people coming door-to-door or robo calls.
- If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is and could be fraud.

TRUST BUT VERIFY THE INFORMATION YOU'RE GIVEN!

- Verify a contractor's license by calling the Department of Business and Professional Regulation at 1-850-487-1395
- Confirm that a contractor has workers' compensation insurance and liability coverage by calling the Department of Financial Services at 1-800-742-2214

DON'T RUSH INTO SIGNING!

- Carefully read all documents, including assignment of benefit agreements, that you're asked to sign.
- Call your insurer.
- Ask questions until you're comfortable with the contract.
- Ask who is responsible for payment — you or your insurance company.

REPORT SUSPECTED FRAUD RIGHT AWAY!

- Notify law enforcement of suspicious behavior!
- Call the Department of Financial Services toll-free anti-fraud hotline at 1-800-378-0045.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL FLORIDA'S FREE INSURANCE HELPLINE: (877) 693-5236



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