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PROTECTING HOMEOWNERS THROUGH RENOVATION EDUCATION

## **7 Mistakes Homeowners Make That Lead To Disasters**

Trusting anyone without knowing anything about their character, behavior and business ethics often leads to problems. But in the construction industry, we all have to be especially careful because of the fact that there are unscrupulous individuals working in the industry that are more interested in having access to your money and less than performing quality work and building a solid reputation.

So I will begin by addressing the 7 most common mistakes homeowners make that lead to disasters and loss of control of their project, money and contractor.

### **1. Not Thoroughly vetting the contractor:**

Going beyond license checks and referrals. License checks are a necessary formality but they don't give you the bigger picture about the contractors' business ethics. Same for referrals but do not choose a contractor solely on these two checks alone. Checking the internet for complaints googling their name and visiting sites like Yelp can offer up some revealing information.

### **2. Failing to do your due diligence in researching your States' downpayment laws and payment schedules**

