

# Protect Yourself Against Fraud

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## Not Everyone Really Wants to Help

FOLLOW THESE STEPS BEFORE YOU HIRE SOMEONE TO CLEAR OR REPAIR YOUR HOME OR PROPERTY

- ◆ Hire someone you know. Ask friends, family and neighbors for names and phone numbers of people they would hire to work for them.
- ◆ Get a written estimate and read the fine print.
- ◆ Ask if they have insurance and see a certificate.
- ◆ Ask for a contract.
- ◆ Pay by check.
- ◆ *If you think, feel or suspect you're being taken advantage of call the Consumer Assistance Program: 800-649-2424 or dial 2-1-1*



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