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NCBEEC reminds homeowners that repair scams often follow storms

Hurricane Matthew has left many homes and buildings damaged by wind and flood waters. The North Carolina State Board of Examiners of Electrical Contractors (NCBEEC) is warning North Carolina homeowners not to become a victim to thieves pretending to be legitimate contractors. Homeowners whose home and other property are damaged are prime targets.

If you have had electrical equipment damaged or flooded, the NCBEEC has the following advice:

- Check to make sure the contractor is properly licensed. Consumers should verify a contractor's NCBEEC license at www.ncbeec.org, or 919-733-9042 before signing a home repair contract or paying any money.
- Be wary of door-to-door repair solicitations, contractors using vehicles with out-of-state license plates and "too-good-to-be-true" bids.
- Don't pay 100 percent of the bill before the repairs are properly completed. The NCBEEC is the state agency licensing more than 12,000 electrical contractors. Anyone who is paid to install, repair, or improve electrical systems or equipment must be licensed by the NCBEEC.

Anyone who witnesses un-licensed activity or is offered a contract from an unlicensed contractor can file a complaint. The complaint form can be found on our website, www.ncbeec.org. For any more questions you may call our office at 919-482-5776.

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