

## **Avoiding Roofing Disasters (from Roofing.com)**

The roofing industry is one of the only industries with very low barriers to enter. Due to the overwhelming number of contractors in the roofing industry, it can be difficult to separate out the contractors who provide quality service. Typically, there are more non-professionals than professions in this industry.

When it comes to roofing projects, the contractor performing the work causes most disasters, rather than the products used. Disasters are expensive to fix, but fortunately, most are also preventable. Here are some examples of disasters:

- Improper installation of the roof system due to lack of training for roofing crews, the lack of knowledge on how to properly install a roof system and cutting corners to save the contractor time. This results in major problems on the roof and even total roof failure.
- Damage to your property can occur, due to contractor negligence. If the contractor doesn't have sufficient liability insurance or bonding, it becomes not only a hassle, but one at the expense of the property owner.
- A contractor filing bankruptcy a short time after installation of the roof system. If the contractor is out of business, there is no longer a warranty.
- A worker falling off your roof, or injuring themselves, due to improper or lack of safety measures.

### **Commercial Properties**

- If a contractor is not organized, scheduling problems can occur. Employees and tenants inside the building may be inconvenienced from their work, while the property owner loses time and money dealing with the issue. Inconveniences can be worked around if the contractor communicates them ahead of time.
- A bystander or your employees being injured during the project due to improper safety standards. If the contractor isn't properly insured or bonded, this would be the responsibility of the property owner.

### **Homeowners**

- If a contractor is not organized, scheduling problems can occur while the homeowner loses time and money dealing with the issue. Inconveniences can be worked around if the contractor communicates ahead of time.
- A bystander or your own family members being injured during the project due to improper safety standards. If the contractor isn't properly insured, this would be the responsibility of the homeowner.

The list goes on. So, how can you avoid roofing disasters? By choosing the right roofing contractor.

Roofing is a complicated and demanding trade. A professional roofing contractor must have knowledge of materials and building technology and a trained and skilled work force to give the best possible service to their customers.

Before you decide to contact a professional roofing contractor, you need to prepare for the visit. Write down all the questions you may have, financial limits, what type of look you might prefer, type of roofing materials you like, a business or home you've seen, colors you like, problems you might have with a schedule. Be sure you're comfortable with the contractor and the

roof system they are suggesting. A professional contractor is going to be happy to answer your questions.

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