

# Protecting yourself from unlicensed work

Electricians and plumbers need to be properly licensed by the Building Codes Division (BCD) and either hold a Consumer Contractor Board (CCB) license or work for a business that is properly licensed through the CCB. Verifying a license is quick and easy. A few minutes of research today can prevent problems in the future.

## Where do I verify license status?

License verification can be completed on the BCD and CCB websites.

### BCD License Verification

[oregon.gov/bcd/licensing/Pages/search.aspx](http://oregon.gov/bcd/licensing/Pages/search.aspx)



### CCB License Verification

[search.ccb.state.or.us/search](http://search.ccb.state.or.us/search)



## What should I do if I suspect unlicensed work is being performed?

Document everything you witness. These details will assist our office in performing any necessary investigations. Remember to include as many details as possible, such as:

- Photographs of the work performed
- Descriptions of vehicles
- Names of businesses involved
- Copies of bids
- Names of individuals involved
- Invoices, receipts, and checks

## Who do I contact to report unlicensed work?

BCD and CCB have separate authority over different areas of construction activity and complaint reporting processes. Complaints should be submitted to the appropriate agency based upon the violation.

### Report electrical, plumbing, or boiler violations to BCD

[oregon.gov/bcd/enforcement/Pages/complaint.aspx](http://oregon.gov/bcd/enforcement/Pages/complaint.aspx)



### Report unlicensed active construction activity to CCB

[search.ccb.state.or.us/online\\_complaint\\_enf](http://search.ccb.state.or.us/online_complaint_enf)



For general questions, concerns, or violations that only relate to permitting, contact your local building department. Find your local building department contact information at [oregon.gov/bcd/lbdd](http://oregon.gov/bcd/lbdd).



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