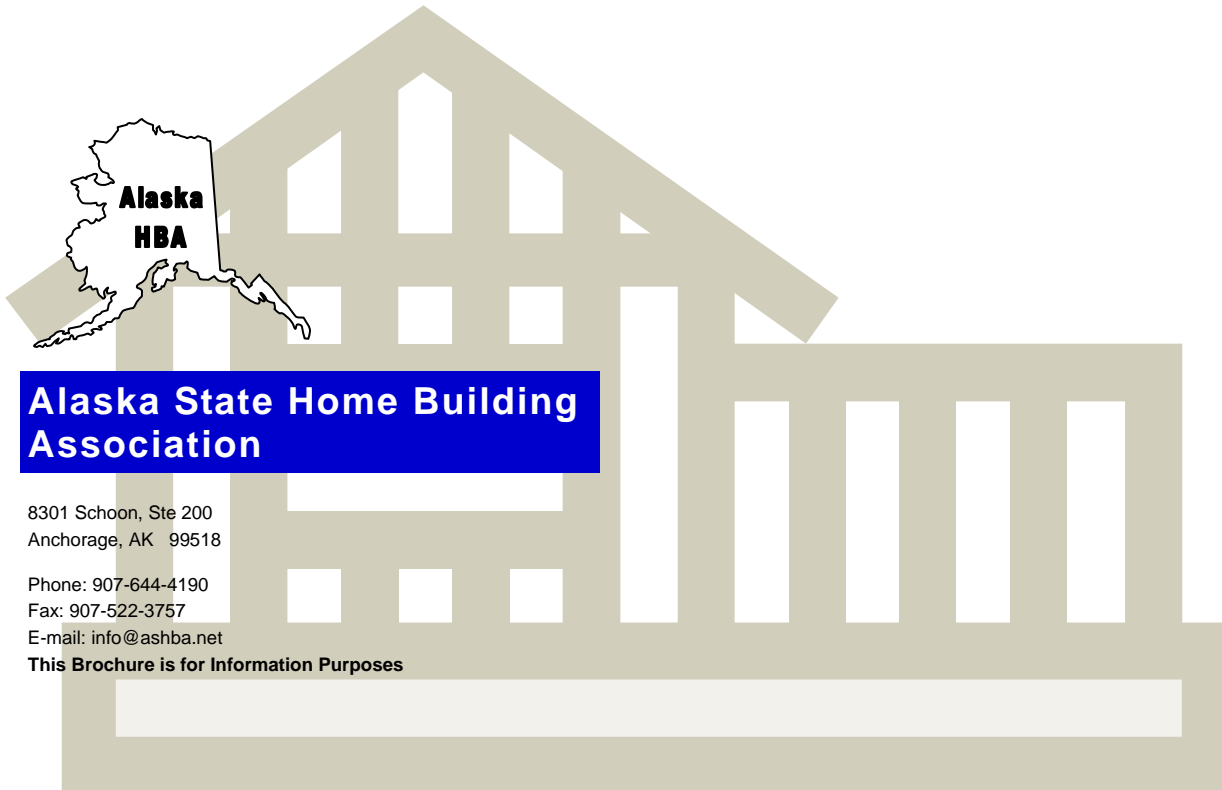


HOW CAN YOU SEE IF YOUR
CONTRACTOR IS LICENSED,
BONDED, INSURED AND WHAT
TYPE OF BUSINESS LICENSE
THEY HAVE?

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General Contractor

- Required to have a business license in Alaska
- **MUST** have a State Certificate of Registration as a Contractor
- **MUST** have a bond and insurance
- **MAY NOT** undertake the construction or alteration of a privately owned residential structure of one to four units or advertise to do this work without a Residential Contractor Endorsement
- “Handymen” **ARE NOT** allowed to contract* on a project which has a total **OVERALL VALUE** in excess of \$10,000, such as a new home or renovation unless licensed

Residential Contractor

- Required to have a business license in Alaska
- **MUST** have a State Certificate of Registration as a Contractor with a Residential Contractor Endorsement
- **MUST** have a bond and insurance
- **MUST** pass a Residential Contractor exam
- **MUST** take a course in arctic engineering or the Alaska Craftsman Home Program or the equivalent to either
- **MUST** take continuing competency education relating to residential contracting (16) sixteen contact hours every (2) two years

Owner Builder**

- An owner who acts as his own contractor is limited to build:
(1) **ONE HOME**, duplex, tri-plex, four-plex or
(1) **ONE COMMERCIAL BUILDING**, every (2) two years.*

*AS 08.18.025, AS 08.18.161(12)

**The changes to Alaska Statute as a result of HB 81 went into effect on June 21, 2006 which puts in place a civil penalty of \$1000 for violation of law for 1st offense and \$1500 for subsequent offenses. The additional fine can be for each subsequent day the illegal builder is in violation!