

✓ 10 Smart Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Contractor

Brought to you by Avery Construction

Use this checklist during contractor interviews to protect your time, money, and peace of mind.

1. Are you licensed and insured?

- ☐ Ask to see their license and verify it through myfloridalicense.com
- ☐ Confirm they carry both general liability and workers' comp insurance

2. Can I see recent examples of your work?

- ☐ Request before-and-after photos, jobsite images, or current project walkthroughs
- ☐ Ask if they've done projects similar to yours

3. What's included in the estimate?

- ☐ Clarify what's covered: materials, labor, permits, clean-up, etc.
- ☐ Ask about exclusions and how they handle price changes

4. What's your projected timeline?

- ☐ Request a clear start and end date
- ☐ Ask for a breakdown of phases (demo, install, inspections, etc.)

5. Who will I communicate with during the project?

- ☐ Find out if there's a dedicated project manager or point of contact
- ☐ Ask how updates will be delivered (calls, texts, meetings)

6. What happens if something unexpected comes up?

- ☐ Ask how they handle change orders, surprises, or delays
- ☐ Find out how additional costs are communicated and approved

7. Do you use subcontractors or an in-house team?

- ☐ Clarify who will be working in your home
- ☐ Ask how long they've worked with their trades and how work is supervised

8. How do you protect my home during the project?

- ☐ Ask about floor protection, dust control, daily clean-up, and pet/kid safety
- ☐ Find out how they handle accidental damage (and if it's insured)

9. Do you have references I can speak to?

- ☐ Request at least 2-3 recent client references
- ☐ Ask if those projects were similar in size/scope to yours

10. What sets you apart from other contractors?

- ☐ Look for answers that go beyond "we do great work"
- ☐ Do they focus on communication, reliability, transparency, or something else?



855-HIS-WORK

855-447-9675