

PAINTING BY RANDY ZIEGLER

Choosing a painting contractor

"When it comes to selecting a Painting Contractor my advice is Buyer Beware," said Randy Ziegler, owner of Painting by Randy Ziegler. Randy Ziegler provides exterior/interior painting, staining and power washing services in Upper and Central Bucks and Eastern Montgomery Counties.

Randy Ziegler, who has been in the residential painting industry for 42 years, states "there are so many established painting contractors who lack the proper state and federal credentials required when providing their services. The most critical step is for the Homeowner to do their homework and research the following resources to secure a clear picture of those being considered to perform a service."

- Check with the Bucks County Dept. of Consumer Protection. This is the best source to check on the reputation and rating of all Contractors performing services within Bucks County. Take a moment to check before you consider hiring them for your property's needs. The BCDPC's phone number is 215-348-7442 as it is a phone call well worth making.

- All Contractors performing services within Pennsylvania must be registered with the Pa. Attorney General's office and hold a valid Pa. Home Improvement Contractors license. Call 888-520-6680 to check the validity of the contractor's PA HIC registration as there is a \$1,000.00 fine for those providing services without a valid Pa. HIC license.

- For homes built prior to 1978, your individual Painting Contractor, as well as their Firm, MUST be certified by the EPA. Call 215-814-3178 to check the validity of your Painting Contractor's license(s) as there is a \$32,500.00 fine, per day/ per violation, for those providing Painting services without valid EPA Certification.

- Most importantly, secure a current Certificate of Insurance directly from the Painting Contractor's insurance company – not from the Painting Contractor himself. Ask the Painting Contractor for the phone number of their Insurance Agent and make that important call. You might discover that the Painting Contractor's



workers compensation and general liability insurance coverages are not valid or current ... that will place the burden of responsibility onto the Property Owner should an accident or injury occur while work is being performed.

- Lastly, the **Better Business Bureau of Eastern Pa.** is an additional place to check. Please keep in mind that the BBB gives all Companies an 'A+' or 'A' rating. This rating will lessen only if a Consumer Complaint or BBB Internal Review is listed, but, it will quickly return to an 'A+' or 'A' rating. For only a period of three years the BBB will list Internal Reviews and Consumer Complaints lodged against a company. The BBB's phone numbers are 215- 985-9313 or 610-866-8780. Web address is <http://www.bbb.org/search/>

States Carol A. Pierce, Business Manager at Painting by Randy Ziegler, "we stay extremely busy working for Clients who had a bad experience with the Painting Contractor they hired in the past. Take advantage of these free consumer services. Doing so will certainly save you time and headaches in the long run as there are consequences and fines involved for those who do not comply."

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