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## **BEFORE YOU HIRE A CONTRACTOR**

**The Department of Commerce recommends the following steps before you hire a contractor.**

- \* Call the Department of Commerce, 651-296-2488 or (800) 657-3602, to see if the contractor is licensed or has been disciplined by the organization.**
- \* Contact the Builders Association of the Twin Cities, 651-697-1954, or the Builders Association of Minnesota, 651-646-7959, to determine if the builder is a member.**
- \* Contact your local building inspector to see if the office is familiar with the builder and if the builder is licensed in your city.**
- \* Contact the Better Business Bureau, 651-699-1111, to find out whether a particular contractor has had any complaints filed against him or her.**
- \* Ask the contractor for references and call the references provided.**
- \* Get a copy of the Minnesota Attorney General's publication "Hassel Free Home Building and Remodeling" by calling 651-296-3353 or (800) 657-3787.**