



This is a list of important questions that you should ask.

- Ask the Contractor if they will provide a list of at least 20 of their *local* remodeling clients?
- Ask the Contractor if you can visit their office and meet the employees that you will be dealing with.
- Ask the Contractor if they provide a daily construction schedule with a start to finish date?
- Ask the Contractor if they require background checks and drug testing on all of their employees?
- Ask the Contractor if they ever received any national recognition?
- Ask the Contractor if they received any nationally recognized remodeling designations such as CGR, Certified Graduate Remodeler?  
You can easily verify this at: <http://www.nahb.org/directory.aspx?sectionID=685&directoryID=186>  
Enter your Zip Code, select Distance (10 miles), scroll down to the Designation CGR then hit search.
- Ask the Contractor to provide a Certificate of Insurance *in the name of their business*?  
To help avoid being responsible for any medical, disability and death claims, request a copy of the Certificate of Insurance directly from the Contractor's insurance company to confirm Workers Compensation coverage? **FACT: This could prove to be very important in the event of an injury.**
- Ask the Contractor if they are exempt from Workers Compensation? This could be a huge RED Flag.  
Fact: A state approved Worker's Compensation exemption only applies to the *ONE* individual, and *NOT* a company. Any helpers, sub-contractors, delivery persons, vendors and/or others may make YOU liable for their injuries, disability and/or death claims.
- Ask the Contractor how long they have been specializing in Remodeling. We suggest a minimum of 10-years. Remodeling experience is entirely unlike new construction.
- Ask the Contractor if they provide a notarized Lien Release with every Payment Request to protect my property from Property Lien on my home?
- Ask the contractor who's license qualifies the company.  
You may verify a License at: <https://www.myfloridalicense.com/wl11.asp>  
Once there you can search by Name or License Number to find out if they are actually licensed or what date they obtained a license. Wouldn't you really want to do business with someone with a license in the event of a dispute?
- Ask the Contractor if they would show you some of their past and in-progress projects?
- Ask yourself if this Contractor has the type of people I feel like we can talk to and will be fair with us on issues that always come up during the construction phase?
- Ask yourself: When I call during business hours, do I speak to a voice mail or recorder?
- And finally, ask yourself if this Contractor is the type of construction firm that I feel that I can trust with my home and family?

Fawley-Bryant Architects 2007



## Dream. Build. Live.

Find out more on how **Kiernan Remodeling + Design, Inc.** can transform your home, please give us a call at 941-748-1219.

[www.kiernanremodeling.com](http://www.kiernanremodeling.com)