



Six Things Every Customer Should Know Before Hiring a Handyman **Before you hire a handyman, it's important to protect yourself, your property, and your budget.**

Here are six key things to keep in mind:

1. Check Their Reputation and Get References

Start with word-of-mouth from friends, family, or neighbors. Ask for at least three written references and look for consistent positive feedback on platforms like Google Reviews, or Yelp. A handyman with no online presence should be vetted even more thoroughly.

2. Verify Licensing, Bonding, and Insurance

Always confirm they hold a valid business license in your state and request proof of insurance (Certificate of Insurance). This protects you if they are injured or if your property is damaged during the job.

3. Make a Clear List of Tasks and Scope of Work

Before hiring, write down exactly what you need done. This helps the handyman assess if they can handle the job and sets clear expectations.

4. Get Multiple Written Estimates

Request at least three detailed written estimates, comparing the same scope of work. A reputable handyman will provide a breakdown of labor, materials, time-line, and any potential extra costs. Agree on a reasonable range (often within 10% of the final cost) before starting.

5. Ask the Right Questions

Inquire about their experience, warranty on work, and payment schedule. Also ask about cleanup, extra time, and any hidden fees.

6. Watch for Red Flags

Avoid handymen who give verbal-only estimates, demand full payment up-front, have no license or insurance, or seem pushy or unorganized. If something feels off, walk away.

By focusing on reputation, credentials, clear scope, fair pricing, and red flag awareness, you can hire a handyman who delivers quality work while keeping you from any headaches down the road.