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Manufactured Housing Division Warns Mobile Homeowners: **Beware of Unlicensed Repair Contractors**

Las Vegas – The Manufactured Housing Division is cautioning consumers about the dangers of hiring unlicensed persons or companies to handle repairs to their manufactured/mobile homes.

The Division urges manufactured/mobile homeowners to be wary of “free” inspections and not to provide park resident directory to repair people. Owners of manufactured/mobile homes should know that any company or person wanting to do work on their home must have one of the two types of licenses offered by the Division. General Service companies are licensed to do repairs in all trades, except air conditioning. Specialty Service companies are limited to doing repairs in the trade in which they’re licensed, such as plumbing, air conditioning, electrical, roofing and skirting. Homeowners are also strongly advised to check with the Division at (702) 486-4590 and verify the license number, business name and address match the information provided by the soliciting repair person.

“Having a license with the Division does not guarantee the quality of the work performed,” said Compliance Officer Gary Childers. *“It does, however, ensure that the repair person has been licensed for the work being requested, and this can give the consumer some protection by providing a venue to file a complaint and find a resolution if problems develop later.”*

Manufactured home owners who may have been victimized by an unlicensed repair company are encouraged to file a complaint with the Manufactured Housing Division. The forms used to file a complaint can be found at <http://mhd.state.nv.us/Forms/ConsumerComplaintForm.pdf> or by calling (702) 486-4135 in Las Vegas or (775) 687-2060 in Carson City. For more information about Manufactured Housing, visit their website at <http://mhd.state.nv.us/>.

Another fraud prevention resource for consumers is the Fight Fraud Website at <http://fightfraud.nv.gov/>. The site includes extensive tips on how to avoid scams and provides downloadable complaint forms to help you respond effectively if you become a victim. Visit it regularly for the latest fraud alerts.

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