

FRAUD ALERT!

CONTRACTOR FRAUD

Contractor fraud continues to be a problem in our community.

Every spring Bucks County consumers experience a rise in complaints against driveway sealing scams. A workman might come to your door asking if you would like to have your driveway done. They may say they were doing a job in the area and had some material left over, and can do your driveway for a low price. Later, after you pay them and they are gone, you start to notice problems. Either the coating starts to dry and you find out that the workers just wet the driveway down and really nothing was done, or they used some kind of oil product that you end up tracking into your home or they do not complete the job and never return to finish. Most of these businesses don't give an address.

Don't let them con you! Educate yourself against contractor fraud. Be leery of businesses that show up at your door or catch you while you are working in your yard and try to sell you something, whether it's a sealing job, putting on a new roof or offering low cost home repairs. If you are interested in having work done, research various companies on your own. Ask family, friends, or neighbors who they recommend. Get a few of written estimates to compare prices. Insist on a written contract that details the work to be done and materials used, the start and completion dates.

If you have been a victim of contractor fraud, contact The Bucks County Crimes Against Older Adults Task Force.

This is a message from:

THE BUCKS COUNTY CRIMES AGAINST OLDER ADULTS TASK FORCE-
"Fighting Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Older Adults in Bucks County"

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