

UNLICENSED IN TEXAS!

Your realtor, your electrician, your plumber, *even your hair stylist* must meet educational requirements and be strictly tested before being issued a required license to practice their trade.

Not So For Foundation Repair Contractors

Foundation repair is an unregulated industry in the State of Texas.

- No licensing procedure
- No educational requirements
- No warranty or protocols are needed
- No requirement for liability insurance or dishonesty bonds

Nothing prevents any individual from printing up a business card, hiring a group of inexperienced day-laborers, and then beavering away on your most valuable possession - your home.

For Foundation Repair In Texas You Are On Your Own!

Protect Yourself! Become An Informed Consumer - Ask These Questions

Are you Insured and Bonded?

Don't be shy! Be sure you are protected in the event your contractor is negligent or dishonest - ask for copies of their Insurance Certificate of Liability and their Dishonesty Bond policy. Honest, capable contractors will quickly and happily provide you with proof of their coverage. And make sure you *call and verify* that their coverage remains in force.

Don't just walk, RUN AWAY from contractors that grumble about providing these documents!

Do you carry Texas Workers' Compensation Insurance?

YOU the homeowner may be liable if a workman is injured on your property. Medical costs and other expenses they may claim could well be your responsibility if the contractor does not have Workman's Compensation Insurance in place.

Ask for proof of WCI. Usually this will be a section of the Insurance Certificate of Liability. Responsible, established foundation companies pay a lot for Workman's Compensation Insurance and they will be pleased to prove that they have it. Remember to *call and verify* that the Workman's Comp coverage remains in force.

Do you provide a "Lifetime Transferable Warranty"?

Your contractor should provide a "Lifetime Transferable Warranty" on their piers,
• Properly placed pilings of concrete or steel should be warranted for the life of the home.
• Avoid limited warranties. "Prorated" warranties means any future "warranty" work will cost you more money.

Does your Lifetime Transferable Warranty *define* foundation "settlement"?

The definition of *settlement* we recommend is 1/4" change in elevation in a 5' horizontal span. This stated definition provides clarity for the contractor and for the homeowner when gauging whether or not settlement of a foundation has occurred.