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CONTRACTORS BOARD RECOGNIZES ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH

LAS VEGAS and RENO, NEV. – The Nevada State Contractors Board (NSCB) recognizes Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Specifically, the Board wants to remind older Nevadans of potential dangers and how they can protect themselves when hiring someone to do work in and around their homes.

“Abuse of the elderly in any form is reprehensible and a serious crime in Nevada,” said Nevada State Contractors Board Executive Officer Margi Grein. “The Board does not tolerate any abusive treatment of seniors in the construction industry and we encourage you to file a complaint if you have been mistreated.”

Older Nevadans are often targeted for abuse because they have financial resources, are trusting, and less likely to report being abused or the victim of a scam. Warning signs of a potential scam or financial abuse include: door to door solicitations, extremely low bids, high pressure tactics, lack of licensing information, and a hesitation by the contractor to document the project in writing. Also, NSCB advises against demands for cash or large down payments (greater than 10% or \$1,000).

In order to protect themselves, NSCB urges seniors and other members of the public to only hire licensed contractors. A contractor’s license can be easily verified by going to the NSCB website: www.nscb.nv.gov or contacting the Board’s offices directly. Additionally, other safeguards to take before embarking on a construction project include: getting at least 3 bids, asking the contractor for references, and always getting a written contract.

More information as well as complaint forms can be found on the Board’s website at www.nscb.nv.gov, or by contacting NSCB directly at (702) 486-1100 or (775) 688-1141.

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The Nevada State Contractors Board is committed to ensuring the integrity and professionalism of the construction industry in Nevada. The NSCB has the responsibility to promote quality construction by Nevada licensed contractors through a regulatory licensing system designed to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public. For more information about the Nevada State Contractors Board, please visit www.nscb.nv.gov.

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