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Who can raise a house?

As a result of the events surrounding Hurricane Katrina, a major effort is underway with the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program to raise homes above projected possible flood levels.

The question often arises, which contractors can legally raise, level, and shore homes?

The only contractors that can legally raise, level, and shore a home, where the cost of such jobs is \$7,500 or more, are holders of state commercial licenses with the following classifications:

- **Building Construction**, and/or
- **Rigging, House Moving, Wrecking and Dismantling**, and/or
- **Raising and Leveling of Residences and Buildings**, and/or
- **Foundations and Pile Driving**, and/or
- **Sidewalks, Retaining Walls, Patios, and Foundations**, and/or
- **Foundations for Buildings and Tanks**, and/or
- **Foundations for Buildings, Equipment or Machinery**, and/or
- **Foundations, Caissons, and Slurry Walls**

Residential Building Contractors may bid on such jobs, but must hire a subcontractor holding one of the classifications above to do the work.

Home Improvement Registrants are excluded from either bidding or working on such lifting and elevation jobs **except for** renovations below \$75,000 for work done after the raising, leveling, and shoring work has been completed on the home.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program has added insurance and bonding requirements for any contractor eligible for raising and elevating homes, including a general liability riggers insurance endorsement.

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