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LSLBC urges consumers to prepare for the upcoming storm season

The Louisiana State Licensing Board for Contractors (LSLBC) urges consumers to protect themselves from unlicensed individuals offering to make repairs on their homes or businesses during this year's hurricane season.

"No one likes it, but hurricane season and other extreme weather events bring the potential for devastating property damage," said LSLBC Executive Director Michael McDuff. "Should disaster strike your area, be prepared to restore your property safely and legally," McDuff said.

Unlicensed contractors often solicit work after a storm to take advantage of consumers who need repairs. Unlicensed activity is against the law, and the LSLBC and other partner agencies consider it a serious offense, especially in the state of an emergency.

The best way to avoid contractor fraud is to verify whether a contractor is licensed or registered to do construction work in Louisiana before you make a down payment or sign a contract. There are three ways to check licensure through LSLBC:

- Download the free "La Contractor" mobile app by visiting the LSLBC website at www.lacontractor.org
- Use the contractor search function located on the LSLBC website at www.lacontractor.org
- Call LSLBC at 1-800-256-1392

Complaints of unlicensed activity should be reported to the LSLBC Compliance Section by emailing complaints@lslbc.louisiana.gov or calling 1-800-256-1392. Users can also use the "La Contractor" mobile app to file a complaint or report unlicensed activity.

For more information on how to avoid contractor fraud in the event of an emergency, see the newly redesigned "Weathering the Storm" presentation located at www.lacontractor.org.

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