

# HOW TO CHOOSE A CONTRACTOR

Here are some tips for selecting a contractor, tradesperson or renovator:

## 1. Find trustworthy professionals.

- Collect recommendations from someone you know and trust.
- Look for businesses with proof of the following:
  - ▶ Registered corporation in Saskatchewan.
  - ▶ Workers Compensation Board compliance.
  - ▶ General liability insurance of at least \$2M.
  - ▶ Registration with a third-party warranty organization.
  - ▶ Safety training.
  - ▶ GST Registration Number.

## 2. Collect at least three quotes for each project you are hiring a contractor for.

This allows you to compare pricing as it may vary from different businesses.

## 3. Check references and qualifications.

- Ask for references and check them or read reviews on google, Facebook, the Better Business Bureau, [trusted Saskatoon.com](http://trusted Saskatoon.com) and other places.
- Verify contractor qualifications. It is your responsibly to ask for proof of GST numbers, liability insurance, safety training, and warranty information.
- Check if they have additional designations that may be beneficial to your project, such as the [Certified Professional Renomark® Renovator \(CPRR\)](#) designation through the [Saskatoon and Region Home Builders Association](#). The CPRR designation means these certified renovators have met the highest industry standards by completing mandatory education and safety training, and offering third-party warranty protection.

## 4. Hire the contractor of your choice and sign a contract.

Before you sign the contract:

- ▶ Read the contract carefully and understand what it says.
- ▶ Make sure that the contract describes exactly what you want and what you have been promised.

