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Checklist for hiring a dependable contractor

- Guaranteed work. How long? _____ years.
- Identification.
- No pressure sales for a quick decision.
- Detailed written quote or estimate. (Quote is better as it is a fixed price).
- Does he/she have at least 3-5 references that you can call? Are there any repeat customers?
- How long have they been in business? _____ years.
- How many years experience do they have? _____ years.

Note: In comparing different quotes or estimates, always compare the details of the work to be done, not just the price. Many times, the cheapest price turns out to be the most expensive in the long run, when the job has to be redone by another contractor because the initial contractor bid lowest just to get the job. Estimates are just that, an estimate, and can be changed with no recourse to the contractor for lack of attention to detail when planning the job.