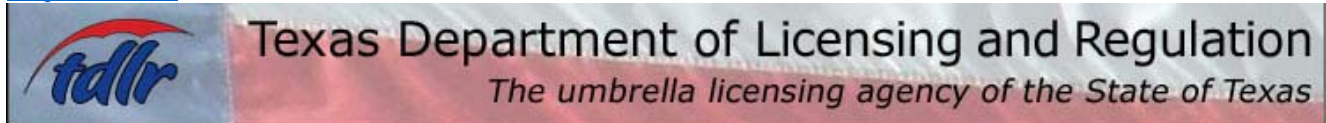


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Storm Season is Upon Us

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AUSTIN – Tornado season and hurricane season arrive back to back in Texas and we Texans are familiar with the challenges the two seasons can bring. Most of us are practiced in how to prepare for and cope with Mother Nature’s fury. Unfortunately many Texas home and business owners aren’t prepared to deal with the unscrupulous electrical and air conditioning industry companies who seek to take advantage of owners affected by tornadoes or hurricanes. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations (TDLR) has some suggestions for home and business owners who need air conditioning or electrical repairs.

Property owners are urged to check the TDLR’s website and ensure the company offering to perform repair work is properly licensed with the agency. It is the law that electricians and air conditioning service personnel have a license issued by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. While on the TDLR website you can also click on the search link titled “Search Violations By License Type” to see if the company you are hiring has received a past violation and had a Final Order issued against them.

The Texas Administrative Code requires the company’s TDLR license number be on the side of their vehicle. If you don’t see the number on the vehicle this may be an indication they are working without a license.

Why is hiring licensed service person important to homeowners? Electrical contractors and air conditioning contractors must be insured. Electrician Masters and Journeymen and Air Conditioning Contractors must pass a competency related exam before receiving their license from TDLR. Lastly, everyone, including electrician apprentices and air conditioning registered technicians, must undergo criminal background checks before being granted a license. Keeping your family safe is as important to us as it is to you.

We can’t control the weather but that doesn’t mean we have to be a victim a second time when repairing a storm’s damage. Take a few minutes to investigate the people you are allowing to work on one of the most expensive investments you will make in your life. If you find someone working without a license please help and file a complaint online so we can make a difference. Your family will thank you and so will TDLR.

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