

First Edition of Homeowner's Guide USA

4 Crucial Phases To Effective Contractor Screening ***[Simplifying Phases For Implementing The “Home Service Validation System”]***

Introduction

First and foremost, the “4 Steps To Effective Contractor Screening” are 4 crucial phases of activity recommended for US private homeowners to adopt and practice before hiring contractor candidates working in the private residential sector. The 4 phases (steps) entail:

Phase 1 - Mandatory Paperwork for Contractor Screening

Phase 2 - Learning Parameters for Returned Paperwork

Phase 3 - The Necessity of Delay Pending Full Research

Phase 4 – Making the Safest, Wisest Decision

There is a very special guide for each of these phases. Since “Homeowner's Guide USA” is a new HGRBS online offering for US private homeowners, each phase (1-4) will be explained in its own special weekly guide released on this site. Each of these phases are constituent to the new, ultra-conservative contractor screening system we know as the “*HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM.*” The system offers a more stable and precise way for making decisions about contractors.

Non-Standard Practice Among US Residents

Among US residents, incorporation and use of the 4 basic phases is, by inference, not standard practice for most private home decision makers in our country. This is premised on the fact that in most publicly **reported** cases of contract-related failures, interruptions, or otherwise relative unfulfilled matters of home maintenance and improvement, there was apparently **no effective** contractor screening protocol *that was followed*. We can verify this by listening each time to victims of dishonest contractors speak to the press.

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This is also evidenced by the comparable situation being *successfully scandalized*.

Had there been an effective intact contractor *screening system in place and enforced*, there will have been little to no likelihood of them experiencing these grave misfortunes.

Nevertheless, although some may not want to hear this, residents are normally far too under-informed, under-strategized, and under-prepared to soundly identify and screen out malcontents. These include habitually dishonest contractors, convicted ¹[murderers](#), ²[rapists](#), ³[fugitives from justice](#) and other undesirables ⁴[\[ref.\]](#) Subsequently, these predators slip through the semblance of security nets we *think* we have and commit all manner of home maintenance, improvement, and other improprieties from which we suffer dearly.

A Story

A while back, a resident of *Baton Rouge, Louisiana* hired an appliance repairman without any apparent screening system.

She required her dishwasher to be repaired, and she hired an appliance repairman (whom, by the way, is also a contractor if s/he is a business owner) to troubleshoot the situation. Yet over a period of roughly two months, he never got around to fixing her dishwasher. But, in that time, he did get around to collecting payments from her by flipping around excuses for not being able to obtain a “special part” for the dishwasher ([Gen. ref.](#)-specifics, as side from the official report to which this is referred were garnered from multiple sources in 2016 which are not easily locatable presently because of misplaced internal records during initial reorganization of HGRBS later the same year. For more specific info on these multiple reference points please contact *WAFB, WBRZ, and Baton Rouge Advocate* – all in Louisiana).

In all, he reportedly collected three separate payments. Yet, after receiving the third payment, he did not bother to show up again. He flatly abandoned the resident and the project. It turns out that after victimizing this person, a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Yet, even *after* the warrant was issued (making him a fugitive from justice), he scandalized four other people before he was finally busted. Apparently, these four victims also had no initial protocol or screening system adequate enough to protect themselves from this contractor’s mistreatment.

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Had they incorporated a screening standard/system premised on or comparable to the “HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM,” (which you will be shortly introduced to), and had they practiced it, they would have known that this contractor was a fugitive from justice.

Furthermore, not only was this man a fugitive from justice, he was also a practicing swindler of private home decision makers notably on record with the *Louisiana State Patrol, district attorney, the accompanying parish community consumer affairs department, the local police, and the Better Business Bureau.*

In fact, with the *Better Business Bureau*, he had over one dozen *known unresolved complaints* filed against him and a solid “F” rating.

Story Commentary

This contractor was a proverbial, pathological monster with regard to private home residents...and this was *long before* he set foot in the home of the Baton Rouge victim mentioned just a short while ago.

Briefly, the dishonorable status of this man was public knowledge! This information was easily accessible to anyone who took time to look or to delegate this sort of *validation* to someone else. But to have started on a home project without having an intact system or major safeguard equivalent to the “HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM,” these misfortunate events happened. And, it is guaranteed that the next story you read or hear concerning another clever “hit” on a private home decision maker will be due to the resident not having the screening system which you now have the opportunity to use for *validation*.

The Necessity for Paperwork Protocol

When you opt to study the use and effectiveness of the “HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM” as a permanent aspect of your home protocol, you may want to have in your possession the hardcopy of the controversial contractor screening document, the “SERVICE VALIDATION FORM.” This form is the basis to “Phase 1.” You will be introduced to the easy-to-follow details in the next homeowner’s guide (No.1) “**Mandatory Paperwork for Effective Contractor Screening.**”

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Our present recommendation is to print out this special contractor screening document on 8.5 x 11 paper. It is our suggestion to download and print at least a dozen copies (Link provided at the bottom of this guide) and place them in a drawer by the front door as you would place *Halloween candy*.

Ironically so, as far as the *dishonest contractors* are concerned, these forms will be your unbeknownst “trick” (and we will learn exactly what that means a bit later on), but for the *good guys*, they will be a very special treat.

The “System” and “Form” In Relation

We may want to continually bear in mind that your “*HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM*” centers around your ACTUAL USE of this *form*.

Interjection 1: If at this point you have challenges remembering any of the terminology used in this special guide, that is to be expected. However, after this introduction to the system, there will be 4 more guides, each detailing each of the 4 phases. Subsequently, before you have even completed the “Phase 1” guide that follows, you will be *more* than familiar with the vernacular.

Interjection 2: This is for reinforcing focus on the reason for this guide. Please remember that it may not be advantageous for you to allow contractors to do ANY work on your property without FIRST aptly screening/validating his/her “documented” reputation. This is for the protection of you and your home, and for the success of your home project. Proper screening, beginning with collecting contractor data in your “SERVICE VALIDATION FORM” is suggested to be the number one prerequisite for you to enforce. Without creating this strict barrier, pending research results from the information the contractor provides in the form, you leave yourself as vulnerable for scandal as anyone else who is deficient of reliable protocol in these matters.

Please, No Hand-Holding

At this point, let us assume you downloaded and printed copies of the “*SERVICE VALIDATION FORM*.” You have a stash of at least a dozen by the front door. Of course, as “heads up” to the situation, which was not mentioned earlier, your pdf download consists of *two pages* (2) instead of one:

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**Page 1 is the actual “SERVICE VALIDATION FORM,” and*

**Page 2 is the numeric instruction sheet which is numbered to match each item to be filled in on Page 1.*

Pre-Screening for Contractor Competence

Your form can also serve as a “pre-screening” tool for judging whether or not contractors are “psychologically competent” for the challenges of your special home project. That’s ALSO a very subtle part of your system. Ideally, your “system kicks in” prior to the candidate filling in the form. It is an initial “*competence test*” for *gauging the degree to which a contractor can independently focus on challenges and take full responsibility for resolving those challenges without feeling the need to be coddled by you.*

Evidently, if a contractor wants your money, he has to demonstrate his preparedness to earn it...but only if he passes the full reputation check/validation.

Contractors Filling Out The Form, ELSEWHERE!

Part of the system also requires that the contractor take the “SERVICE VALIDATION FORMS” to fill out elsewhere.

This enables you to:

1. **Breathe a lot easier.*
2. **Avoid making impulsive or otherwise emotion-based decisions.*
3. **Neutralize any plans a contractor may have had to manipulate you out of doing the necessary validations.*

Normally, the contractor’s small talk and friendly chatter are designed to trick you into lowering your guard, and to begin thinking that he is a really nice guy. This is how most scams of this nature are given the open door. Please, in cases such as these, it is strongly suggested that you keep that door shut pending a proper *service validation* on this guy! [The reputation check]

If he should still require coddling services from you for filling out the form because he is apparently a bit too “mentally challenged” to follow *simple, numeric instructions*, how is it ever possible for him to handle the far more challenging details of your home projects which require *skilled intuition*?

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Your project does not COME with numbers! This is a hard line to draw, but are you *really* in the market for a contractor who does not seem to have scruples enough to follow “*numerically guided instructions?*” Pre-schoolers can do that with coloring books!

On Guard Against Contractor’s “Small Talk”

Ever meet someone who did a lot of talking to get out of doing something “dreadful?” For detrimental contractors, filling out the SERVICE VALIDATION FORM, knowing it is a screening document, in addition to the fact that you are *really going through with screening him*, IS DREADFUL. And, he is going to be as nice and as glib as possible to convince you to think “*This is really a great person! Naaaah... I don’t have to worry about him.*”, which is the general demeanor of MOST VICTIMS of contractor fraud.

You may want to consider the high probability of contractors attempting to sneak in “small talk” about politics, religion, or the latest news he learns you are interested in to avoid *taking the form with him, filling it out completely, and returning it* to you for research. Of course, there will be some small talk. But you may want to avoid full engagement to minimize any talk not relative to the business at hand.

Always be ready to adhere as close to the business of your home as possible through maximizing your awareness to the fact that these conversational “sneak tactics” by contractors are primarily designed to win you over and to derail your efforts to have him *take the screening document with him, fill it out completely ELSEWHERE, and to return it* the following day or a later agreed upon time.

Summary

This ends our introductory guide to the very basic aspects of the SERVICE VALIDATION FORM in relation to the HOME SERVICE VALIDATION SYSTEM.

At an upcoming time is your guide with emphasis on **Phase 1 “Mandatory Paperwork For Contractor Screening.”** Remember, for the correct incorporation and use of this aggressive residential contractor screening system, you may want to pay very close attention to the details.

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Phase 1 is the most important step, which is proactively learning about the form and its central impact on your level of comprehension of the guides that will follow. We believe that each of your contractor-related home projects is a business function within the total operation of your home. We know that the basic function for where we live is for our surroundings to be as comfortable and as convenient as possible. This natural, normal business of the home setting is prime reason for enlisting the assistance of contractors. The first order of affairs in this regard is to determine whether contractors will be a help or a hindrance to that. Your paperwork is your starting point.

Link for downloading [**SERVICE VALIDATION FORM**](#)

<https://www.americanprivatehomefront-hgrbs.com/resources/SERVICE%20VALIDATION%20-%20Form%20-%20HGRBS%20-%202017.pdf>

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