Home repair and cleanup fraud is especially common after natural disasters. It is important to be very careful about hiring anyone to work on your home.

- Be wary of anyone soliciting work.
- Check references.
- Never pay a home contractor or other vendor in cash.
- Always ask for written estimates.
- Get a second opinion before hiring anyone.
- Don't pay the full amount before work has begun.
- Don't feel pressured to hire someone because of "incentives" offered at the door.