

## **Common Questions to Ask a Contractor Before Hiring**

**How To Use This Document:** The size of the job, your risk tolerance, and your local laws will determine which questions are applicable to *your situation*. Hiring someone to repaint your front door requires a different set of questions than hiring someone to remodel your entire kitchen. Use this guide to tailor your approach.

- 1. What is the cost and what's included?**
- 2. How do I pay you for the job?**
- 3. Can you provide me with a W9 prior to payment?**
- 4. Are you insured? And can I have a copy of your Certificate of Insurance (COI)?**
- 5. Are you licensed and can you pull permits if necessary?**
- 6. When can you start and when will you complete the work?**
- 7. What do you need from me to succeed?**
- 8. Can you tell me about the last job you did similar to this?**

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