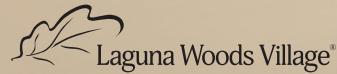


# 6 TIPS

## Before Hiring a Contractor



- 1** Verify with the Contractors State Licensing Board that any contractor you are considering is licensed by visiting **cslb.ca.gov > Online Services > License Check** or by calling **800-321-CSLB (2752)**.
- 2** Contact Manor Alterations at **alterations@vms.org** or **949-597-4616** to confirm whether your proposed alteration requires a mutual consent.
- 3** Secure at least three bids from contractors and check their references. Online resources include:
  - **cslb.ca.gov > Online Services > Find a Licensed Contractor**
  - **homeadvisor.com** • **homebuddy.com** • **thumbstack.com**
- 4** Obtain a paper copy of the contract.
- 5** Beware contractor-endorsed financing.
- 6** Resist pressure to waive your five-day right to cancel.

Learn more at [bit.ly/ContractorHires](http://bit.ly/ContractorHires)