

## How to Respond to a Mechanic's Lien if You Are the Homeowner

Mechanics' Liens require precise handling in order to be valid. An experienced construction attorney can easily determine how to remove a lien that was not properly recorded against your property. If you do it yourself, the below steps will be helpful.

### 1. License Information

Check to see if the contractor is licensed by the California Contractor's State License Board (<http://www.cslb.ca.gov>).

### 2. Unlicensed Contractors Cannot Recover Money

If unlicensed they are not allowed to collect any money due, nor can they legally keep any money you paid them.

### 3. Check License for Workers Compensation Insurance

A licensed contractor who claims to be exempt from having workers compensation insurance because they have no employees can only do the work personally or through other licensed subcontractors.

### 4. Check status of individuals who worked on your property

If workers on your property were employees of licensed contractor who claimed to be exempt from Workers Compensation, then contractor is treated as though unlicensed and cannot recover.