

FLORIDA PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FRAUD TASK FORCE
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The Florida Property & Casualty Insurance Fraud Task Force believes that it is important to remind Florida consumers affected by Hurricane Michael to avoid being hit by a second disaster – Insurance fraud. In the aftermath of this devastating storm, Floridian’s are returning home and surveying the damage. We know there are individuals and groups that may attempt to take criminal advantage of policyholders when they are most vulnerable. Don’t become a victim of fraud after a disaster.

Here are the 3 big things you need to know to avoid being a victim of insurance fraud and home repair scams:

- Policyholders with damage are urged to call their insurer immediately and report the claim prior to any permanent repairs.
- Use reputable and licensed and insured contractors. To determine if a contractor is licensed, visit the Department of Business and Professional Regulation’s licensee search.
- Be careful before signing anything without reading the documents. A service provider may want you to sign an AOB. In doing so, you may sign away the rights of the policy you purchased and paid for and may have no control over your claim or recourse if the provider doesn’t perform the repairs properly.

Additional resources to help you during your claim process can be found at:

stompoutfraud.org

<https://www.facebook.com/Stompoutfraud/>

Insurance Fraud

Insurance fraud affects all insurance consumers. To report suspected insurance fraud, call the Florida Department of Financial Services (FLDFS) Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236, or report fraud electronically at:

<http://www.myfloridacfo.com/Division/DIFS/>

About the Florida Property and Casualty Insurance Fraud Task Force: The Task Force was founded by Florida Department of Financial Services in 2010. The mission of the Task Force is to reduce, deter or eliminate Property and Casualty (P&C) Insurance Fraud, including but not limited to homeowners, apartment, rental dwelling, condominium, boat, commercial, personal articles and church insurance. For more information visit us at our Facebook Page or at Stompoutfraud.org.