BEWARE OF ROOFING COWBOYS

What Are “Roofing Cowboys” ?

Roofing cowboys are **unlicensed, uninsured, and unqualified individuals** who offer roofing work at unusually low prices.

They often:

— **Knock on doors uninvited**
— **Claim your roof has “urgent damage”**
— **Demand quick decisions**
— **Disappear once problems appear**

If it sounds too good to be true — it usually is.

The Real Dangers of Roofing Cowboys

Costly Repairs
— You may pay twice
— nsurance claims often rejected
— Water damage spreads inside the home

Poor Workmanship
— Incorrect installation
— Hidden leaks
— Damage that appears months later

No Warranty, No Accountability
— No written contract
— No guarantee
— No way to contact them later

Safety & Legal Risks
— Unsafe work practices
— No insurance

Homeowners may be legally liable is.

Spotting a cowboy

Protect Your Home, Your Money, and Your Safety

Not all roofing companies are created equal. Here'show to spot when a "cheap quote" is going to costyou more:

— Quotes scribbled on scraps of paper or vagueverbal promises.
— Offers to "do it cheaper for cash."
— No mention of safety gear, scaffolding, disposalof the old roof or compliance paperwork
— Evasive or dismissive answers to your questionsregarding "Who's on your Roof"
— A vague work history in reroofing.
— Pressure tactics like "sign today, we're fully booked next week."
— Any quick fix "solution" that is not "like for like"should be of concern. Coating and Membraneoptions can extend the life of a roof, but are not an alternative to reroofing.
— No Public Liability Insurance or H&S and sitemanagement policies.
— Temporary weather protection, scaffolding, andpower isolation should always be part of the quote. Ask who removes old roofing and where it goes - disposal can add costs.

Remember, if it sounds too good to be true,it probably is.

Here are a few simple ways to verify credibilitybefore committing:

— **Company Registration**

Check how long the business has been operatingvia the New Zealand Companies Register.

— **Licensed Building Practitioner (LBP) Status**

Search the LBP Register to confirm they hold acurrent licence.

— **RANZ Membership**

Visit the Roofing Association of New Zealand(RANZ) website to see if they're a registered member.