# Protecting Your Home From Repair Scams and Other Fraud

## **Protect Yourself From These Scams**

Knock, Knock. Who's There? Want to Buy a Home Security System? Beware of home alarm sales scams

This resource from the Federal Trade Commission provides information on how to spot a home security system scam.

Defective Imported Drywall and Drywall Treatment Scams

This information from the Consumer Product Safety Commission can help you find out if you have problem drywall.

# **Preparing to Repair or Remodel Your Home**

#### Information on Hiring Contractors or Repair Services

This resource from the TN Department of Commerce and Insurance will give you helpful tips on hiring a contractor or repairman.

Don't get cheated when you repair or remodel your house

Legal Aid of East Tennessee can provide details on how to avoid scams when you have to repair or remodel your home.

Avoiding Disaster Repair Rip-Off: Choosing A Contractor

Following a disaster, victims may come across home repair rip-offs. This resource provided by West Tennessee Legal Services will help you avoid being scammed by these companies.

# **Legal Advice:**

### TN Free Legal Answers

If you are in Tennessee, the website, Free Legal Answers, allows you to ask a lawyer for help with a legal issue at no cost. It is fast and easy, and all you need is a

computer. This is a FREE service for people who cannot afford a lawyer. How it works:

- You will answer a few questions to see if you qualify for their service. If you
  qualify, you will have the option to create an account.
- If you are eligible, you can ask their volunteer attorneys a non-criminal legal question.
- Once your question receives a response, you will get an email. You will need to sign into the website to read your response and ask any additional questions.

Visit <a href="https://tn.freelegalanswers.org/">https://tn.freelegalanswers.org/</a> to sign up.

# **Find Representation:**

#### Statewide Directory

The Statewide Directory provides information regarding Legal Aid Attorneys and other agencies by county in Tennessee.

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