**HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK?**  
**VERIFY THE CONTRACTOR HAS AN ACTIVE HOME IMPROVEMENT LICENSE BY VISITING**  
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**DLLR’S Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing**

The Home Improvement Law defines “home improvement” as the addition to or alteration, conversion, improvement, modernization, remodeling, repair, or replacement of a building or part of a building that is used or designed to be used as a residence or dwelling place or a structure adjacent to that building; or an improvement to land adjacent to the building. For more information, please call MHIC at 410-230-6309 or [mhic@dllr.state.md.us](mailto:mhic@dllr.state.md.us)

Here are some examples of home improvement work:

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**Cleaning and Treatments**

- Acid cleaning
- Acoustical treatment
- Chemical Powerwash
- Glaziers
- Lead Paint Abatement
- Radon Gas Mitigation
- Sandblasting
- Sealants
- Waterproofing

**Fire**

- Chimney Repairs
- Chimney Alarm Systems
- Fire Escape
- Fireplaces

**Exterior of Residence**

- Awnings
- Boatlifts/Piers
- Bricklaying
- Doors
- Driveways
- Excavating
- Fences
- Flagstone
- Grating
- Gravel Driveways
- Gutters/Downspouts
- House Moving
- Landscaping
- Painting
- Patios
- Paving
- Pointing
- Sidewalks
- Siding
- Railings
- Roof
- Shore Erosion Control
- Sod (when landscaping)
- Stairs
- Stucco

**Energy Conservation**

- Bathroom
- Cabinets
- Kitchen
- Shower/Bath Enclosures
- Sinks and Countertops
- Tile
- Vanities

**Kitchen and Bath**

- Caulking
- Ceilings
- Drywall
- Floating Floors
- Linoleum
- Paneling
- Terrazzo
- Tile
- Wallpapering
- Wall Coverings
- Wood Flooring

**Floors and Walls**

- Hot Tubs
- Permanent Pools
- Pool Covers
- Pool Houses

**Pools/Hot Tubs**

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**Structures**

- Carports
- Club Rooms
- Decks
- Fallout Shelters
- Foundations
- Garages
- Piers
- Pole Buildings
- Porch Enclosures
- Porches
- Retaining Walls
- Sunrooms

**Doors and Windows**

- Doors
- Screens
- Skylights
- Stained Glass
- Shutters (exterior)
- Storm Doors
- Storm Windows
- Window Tinting
- Windows