Why Your Electrician Needs to Be Certified

by Asher Elran

Article published on December 6th 2011 | Home Improvement

YOUR SAFETY is a two-word phrase that can spell the difference between life and death, particularly in the issue of hiring a certified electrician.

In the last five years, at least 45,000 persons (excluding firefighters) have died as a result of residential fires in 22 developed countries, according to the Year 2010 report of the international insurance â€œthink tankâ€•, Geneva Association.

From the figure furnished above, the United States accounted for more than 3,000 deaths annually. Of this number, as per official documents of the US Fire Administration, about half were killed in fires caused by highly destructive and rapidly spreading electrical fires.

Each year across the country, 1,100 persons are injured in such incidents that also raze billions of dollars worth of property, excluding the building itself. And, sadly, this is mostly because of the faulty and unsound decision to hire non-certified electricians.

These are misfortunes that could have been averted, had decision-makers thought harder of the hazards that employing substandard workers could leave in their places of residence or business.

The reason why governments â€“ especially those from developing countries â€“ impose upon electricians to undergo apprenticeships, take a battery of tests, and pass certifications, is precisely to make these people accountable for the quality of work they deliver. Licensed professionals are those who can will undertake the job in homes or work areas with tried-and-tested methods, which are all within industry standards.

Tips in Hiring Certified Electricians

Here are a few things that will get you out of the dark in hiring a professional to address delicate electrical issues in your place of residence or business:

FIRST, Source electrician information and contact details from family members or friends who can will give the best referrals. If you have no one who can provide these, look up names in the local directory listings or search the Internet.

SECOND, Short-list your candidates after making a due-diligence research on their credentials. Consider ones with vast experience and training, a permanent office address, and â€“ above all â€“ an authentic license that is verifiable by the State.

THIRD, From your short-list, award the contract to the one who can guarantee his or her workmanship. It is best to choose a candidate with demonstrated reliability and confidence in making good on his or her credentials.

FOURTH, Never skimp on popping a healthy ounce of prevention, which can prevent you from painfully swallowing a pound â€“ even a ton â€“ of a useless heap of ashes to which your home or establishment could be reduced. A registered, licensed, certified electrician charges higher than his or her unverified counterpart because of the time, money, and effort personally invested to earn and deserve the electrician practice.

It would be ludicrous for residents or building owners, especially those who are conscious of paying

fire insurance, if they did not consider paying a bit more for a professional electrician. Now, wouldn't it?

IMPORTANT: The terms â€œmaster electricianâ€• and â€œjourneymanâ€• connote mastery of laying sup quality electrical configurations. Once you have proven your candidate to be any one of these, you can be sure that he has fully served required apprenticeships in the trade, and is the most qualified and eligible specialist to let you, your family, and associates rest assured that every aspect of the work will be addressed.

However, for homes or dwelling structures under four stories high, lower-classified â€œresidential electriciansâ€• would suffice.

Article Source:
http://www.articleside.com/home-improvement-articles/why-your-electrician-needs-to-be-certified.htm - Article Side

Asher Elran - About Author:
Ben Rafael owner at Fidelity a General Contractor Los Angeles years of experience and long list of references. a Electrician Burbank is just another service we give.

Article Keywords:
General Contractor Los Angeles, Electrician Burbank

You can find more free articles on Article Side. Sign up today and share your knowledge to the community! It is completely FREE!