

**HIRING A CONTRACTOR TO PERFORM HOME IMPROVEMENT WORK?  
 VERIFY THE CONTRACTOR HAS AN ACTIVE HOME IMPROVEMENT LICENSE BY VISITING  
<http://www.dllr.state.md.us/license/mhic>**

**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:**

**Interior of Residence**

Carpentry  
 Central Vacuum Systems  
 Built-in Closet Organizers  
 Floors  
 Marble  
 Mounted Entertainment Systems  
 Painting  
 Plastering  
 Walls  
 Windows

**Cleaning and Treatments**

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

**Fire**

Chimney Repairs  
 Fire Alarm Systems  
 Fire Escape  
 Fireplaces

**Accessibility Features**

Chair lifts for stairs  
 Overhead Lift Systems  
 Ramps

**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**

Insulation  
 Solar panel systems  
 Windmill foundations

**Kitchen and Bath**

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

**Floors and Walls**

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

**Pools/Hot Tubs**

Hot Tubs-Permanent  
 Pools  
 Pool Covers  
 Pool Houses

**Iron/Stone/Marble**

Aluminum  
 Masonry  
 Iron, Ornamental Railings  
 Stone-Cast

**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