

WORKSHOP

“Don’t Even Think About Ripping Me Off!” \$500 plus expenses

The audience learns how to protect themselves from becoming victims of home repair/rebuild/remodel contractor fraud and scams.

Content Covered:

1. **Introduction/Overview:** About us and creating contractor “*Fraud-Free Zones.*”
2. **Contractor Scams:** Typical scams.
3. **Before the Project:** Hiring contractors, executing contracts, getting building permits, budgeting, pre-construction inspections, and more.
4. **During the Project:** How to be your own quality control manager and how to monitor and track your ongoing project and set up payment schedules.
5. **After the Project:** What to do before giving your contractor the final payment and what to do if you’ve been scammed.
6. **Working with Your Insurance Agent:** Verifying a contractor’s insurance, reviewing your existing coverage, creating a home inventory in case of loss, and other insurance issues you may not know about.
7. **Protecting Yourself Legally:** What should and should not be in the contract, full scopes of work, lien waivers, and more.
8. **Greenwashing (Green Fraud):** Understanding the concept of “Green” (energy efficiency, eco-friendly, sustainability, etc.) in relation to home projects, and protecting yourself from dishonest contractors looking to cash in.
9. **Questions and Answers**

Audience:

All homeowners especially seniors, storm/disaster victims, small businesses, first time homebuyers, future home buyers, the physically impaired, those who speak English as a second language, low wealth communities, and women. Anyone can be a victim of a contractor scam.

Speaker:

Phae Moore, a home repair fraud prevention expert, real estate agent, former community member of the Atlanta Code Enforcement Commission, former HUD housing counsel, and author of “***Don’t Even Think About Ripping Me Off!***” (a step-by-step instructional guidebook on how to hire, work with and pay contractors).