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Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - April 28, 2023



This week, we released Scams at a Glance: Sink or Swim to help Floridians avoid pool-contractor scams. With summer approaching, many Floridians may try to beat the heat with a new pool.

However, inground pools are expensive home-improvement projects, and if a consumer is not careful, thousands of dollars could be lost to a deceptive or inept pool contractor.

Scams at a Glance: Sink or Swim gives consumers the tools to know how to spot these schemes. Our new resource contains information about common pool-related scams and fraud, including consumer protection tips such as:

- Verify a contractor's license with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation;
- Get multiple estimates, and be cautious of required, large upfront payments;
- Ask to see a contractor's proof of insurance; and
- Research a company and contractor thoroughly before signing an agreement.

Floridians can file a complaint at DBPR about a bad pool contractor at [MyFloridaLicense.com](https://www.myfloridalicense.com). Report contractor fraud directly to local law enforcement. Civil complaints can be reported to my office by visiting [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com).

By knowing how to spot and report pool-contractor schemes, you can protect your money, and help us build a Stronger, Safer Florida.



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