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Why You Should Never Hire an Unlicensed Person or Firm to do HVAC Work

Here are some things to consider before hiring an unlicensed person:

- Don't do it, it is against Georgia State law for an unlicensed person to seek contracts in HVAC installations without a state license.
- There is a definite danger factor, gas units have a carbon monoxide byproduct that must be vented properly.
- Licensed HVAC contractors are trained to wire their units to the electrical system, unlicensed persons may not be trained.
- The equipment manufacturer may not honor the warranty of the equipment if there is a problem.
- The unlicensed person or firm may not be trained by the manufacturer to install that type of sophisticated, computerized equipment.
- The unlicensed person or firm is not qualified to design the proper system for your home.
- If there is an insurance claim involved, the insurance company may not cover it.
- The person or firm may not be in business tomorrow to stand behind the work.
- Licensed contractors are required to carry liability insurance; the unlicensed person or firm is not. If they are injured on your property or their installation causes damage, you could be held liable!
- The unlicensed person or firm is not required to have continuing education and is not up to date on current code, laws, and manufacturers' installation instructions.
- An unlicensed person or firm cannot obtain the permits required by law. I could probably list reasons all day, but I think at this point you can see the dangers of hiring unqualified, unlicensed persons to do your HVAC work. Always, always check that the people you hire have the proper license and insurance.