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Construction Liens

Hiring a contractor to build a new home? Read this first.

What are Construction Liens?

Under Washington state law, those who provide work or materials for your property and are not paid have a right to carry out their claim for payment against your property— this process is known as a construction lien. Often times, this can occur when a contractor fails to pay employees or suppliers.

A construction lien may also occur if you remodel, make improvements upon your property, or purchase a recently built or remodeled home and those hired have not been properly compensated.

Lien Release Forms

When entering into a contract to buy or build a new home, you may not receive notice that such a claim has occurred. This is why it is important to request a completed Lien Release Form from each contractor and supplier involved on your project before making the final payment.

After Receiving Notice of a Construction Lien, What are the Next Steps?

In the event that you receive notice to enforce a construction lien, please take this notice seriously. Inform your contractor immediately and make sure that you know what arrangements have been set in place to pay the sender of the notice. While you may not be directly at fault for the failure to pay parties, you will have final responsibility for seeing that all bills are paid in full— even if you have already paid your contractor.

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