



Building Services Authority ***MEDIA RELEASE***

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TOWNSVILLE LICENCE BLITZ

99% of Townsville contractors doing the right thing

In its latest licence “blitz” in Townsville, the Queensland Building Services Authority (BSA) found the vast majority of building contractors are doing the right thing.

BSA interviewed 244 contractors on 61 Townsville building sites and found only two people suspected of working without a BSA licence.

BSA’s General Manager, Ian Jennings, said this was a really good result for the area.

“This result that shows over 99% of contractors in Townsville are doing the right thing,” he said.

“Townsville’s result is below the State average of 1.7%.”

More than 5,000 of BSA’s 81,355 licensee live and work in Townsville.

Mr Jennings stresses the importance of homeowners using a BSA-licensed contractor.

“We say ‘if they can’t show you their licence, show them the door’.

“A person’s home is likely to be their greatest asset so they should only hire appropriately licensed contractors to do building work on it,” he said.

Mr Jennings said homeowners can check if a contractor has a BSA licence by conducting a free online licence search at www.bsa.qld.gov.au or by calling 1300 BSA BSA.

“BSA’s licensing audits target all types of building work in all areas of Queensland and are conducted randomly to allow BSA to assess the level of unlicensed contracting in the industry,” Mr Jennings said.

If you have any questions about building or licensing, call 1300 BSA BSA, visit www.bsa.qld.gov.au or drop into BSA’s Townsville Office at 287 Ross River Road, Aitkenvale.

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