



Building Services Authority

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Queensland: the safest place in the country to build

Queensland homeowners have the best protection in the country when they build or renovate, thanks to the Queensland Home Warranty Scheme.

Building Services Authority (BSA) General Manager Ian Jennings said the Scheme insures against defective or incomplete work and subsidence.

“If you engage a licensed contractor in Queensland to build or renovate your home, you can rest easy knowing you won’t be left high and dry if things don’t go according to plan,” Mr Jennings said.

“In these uncertain economic times, it is nice to know that in the unlikely event your builder goes bankrupt part way through the job, in many instances BSA’s insurance will get your job finished and you won’t be left out of pocket.

“The Scheme also insures building work if it is defective or incomplete, or if the house experiences subsidence.

“This insurance is ‘first resort’, unlike many other states in Australia that have no warranty insurance at all, or have ‘last resort’ insurance.

“The protection this scheme gives is one of the main reasons homeowners should only engage licensed contractors. Hiring a licensed contractor also means you are getting somebody who has met one of the most rigorous licensing standards in Australia.”

Mr Jennings said if people want to check a contractor’s licence history, they should visit www.bsa.qld.gov.au and use the free Online Licence Search facility.

“The website has lots of great advice for homeowners, as well as details on BSA’s free homeowner seminars,” he said.

“Before you embark on your building project, visit our website or call 1300 BSA BSA.”