



# PUBLIC WARNING

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## Public Warning – Richard Kiely and various aliases

**This is a warning by the Commissioner of the QBCC to the public under section 20J(1)(h) of the *Queensland Building and Construction Commission Act 1991***

The Queensland Building and Construction Commission (QBCC) is urging consumers, contractors and suppliers to be cautious in their dealings with Richard Kiely, also known as Joseph Kiely, John Kiely, Cody Kiely and Darren Kiely

Mr Kiely does not hold QBCC licences and is therefore not able to carry out, or enter into contracts to carry out, building work, including concreting, boulder walls, pergola construction, paving and retaining walls, in Queensland at a value of more than \$3300.

Mr Kiely has been carrying out unlawful building work in the Albany Creek, Aspley and Chermside suburbs of Brisbane.

QBCC is investigating several complaints made against Mr Kiely for unlicensed contracting, no written contracts, excess deposits, incomplete work and defective work.

Mr Kiely is described as being of Irish descent with red hair and about 1.89m tall. Mr Kiely uses local signs and pamphlets dropped in letter boxes to advertise to carry out building work. He changes his mobile phone number on a regular basis, so customers are unable to contact him about their complaints of defective and incomplete work.

The QBCC warns all persons dealing with Mr Kiely to exercise extreme caution and seek legal advice before making any payments, to protect their interests. The QBCC warns that the Queensland Home Warranty Insurance Scheme may not be available to consumers if they engage unlicensed contractors. The QBCC urges homeowners to conduct research before engaging contractors, and recommends engaging a licensed contractor even for small jobs. If you are in doubt as to whether the entity you are contracting with is licensed or holds the correct licence to do the work, please conduct an online licence search at [www.qbcc.qld.gov.au](http://www.qbcc.qld.gov.au) or contact the QBCC on 1300 272 272.

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