



The State of Maryland

Proclamation

From the Governor of the State of Maryland

CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK MAY 19-23, 2025

WHEREAS, Each year, Maryland faces catastrophic events such as tornadoes, flooding, and other natural disasters, all of which carry the potential to cause serious damage - or, even worse, total destruction - to private property and homes; and

WHEREAS, Following disasters, stressed and strained homeowners are vulnerable to predatory practices from dishonest contractors who may fraudulently inflate repair or rebuilding costs; and

WHEREAS, Predatory practices by unscrupulous contractors taking advantage of these stressful scenarios ultimately increase costs for consumers by driving up insurance premiums and forcing insurers to reevaluate risk; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative that an effective public outreach campaign highlight the various types of contractor fraud schemes to help educate consumers on how to identify and avoid such schemes; and

WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau encourages Marylanders to get at least three written estimates when hiring a contractor, check contractor credentials, and work closely with insurers during the entire rebuilding process; and

WHEREAS, The National Insurance Crime Bureau, in collaboration with its local and state partners in Maryland, including law enforcement, first responders, legislators, and state officials, is committed to educating Marylanders about predatory practices by dishonest contractors; and

WHEREAS, The citizens of Maryland are encouraged to become familiar with contractor fraud and participate in the various programs during the fifth annual Contractor Fraud Awareness Week, May 19 - 23, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WES MOORE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, do hereby proclaim MAY 19-23, 2025 as CONTRACTOR FRAUD AWARENESS WEEK in Maryland, and do commend this observation to all of our citizens.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland,
this 19th day of May
Two Thousand and twenty-five

Wes Moore
Lt. Governor

Sean C. Lee
Secretary of State

