



HIGH PEAK BUILDING CONTROL SERVICES

HOUSEHOLDERS GUIDE TO CHOOSING YOUR BUILDER

If you are considering any work to your property and you require a builder you should consider the choice very carefully. As this is one of the biggest investments you are likely to make you should thoroughly check any builder out before employing their services.

For large projects consider employing a professional to advise you.

Discuss the extent of your arrangement with your professional.

- Does it involve the preparation of plans only or is site supervision part of the package.

If you consider the job so small you don't require a professional, get advice from someone from the industry who you know and trust.

Always obtain quotations (at least three) and have them checked.

Don't automatically go for the cheapest quote.

Ask questions of the builder:

- Where have they worked before?
- Are they happy for you to see their work?
- What is their expertise in the particular project you intend to carry out?
- How do they want to be paid? On completion or in stages?
- Can they supply references from satisfied customers?
- Are they happy to accept a retention clause?
- Will they accept a penalty clause on failure to complete in time?
- Will they agree to independent arbitration should you have a dispute?

Finally reassure yourself by checking out the builder's work, references and other aspects, like work habits, with previous clients.

Ask questions now, don't wait until it's too late

Be Safe – Be Sure – Not Sorry

