Transient Vendors are back in South Dakota for another season

Don't strike out

Get the facts before you buy

Most of the transient vendors who visit our state are legitimate. Some aren't.

Here are

THREE SIMPLE STEPS

to keep in mind if you're considering hiring a transient vendor to do repairs, construction, asphalting or roofing services, or you're thinking of buying household cleaners, rugs, food, housewares, or magazine subscriptions from an out-of-state vendor:

STEP #1: Ask	STEP #2: Verify	STEP #3: Report
• For a price quote, in advance, in writing. • If they have a permanent address and phone number. If the information is local, don't assume they're local. Some transient vendors have business cards printed with a local mailing service or motel address and number. • About the product, warranties, & guarantees. • To see their current South Dakota tax license. They **MUST** have one to do business in our state!	• Get a list of local references and **CHECK THEM** before making a decision. • Get something in writing with the company's name, address and phone number. • Find out if they have workman's compensation and general liability insurance. If they don't, **YOU** could be liable for accidents that occur on your property. • Be careful about paying for work in advance.	• If you have doubts about the vendor or think you may have been scammed, contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Office at **1-800-300-1986** or by email at consumerhelp@state.sd.us. You can also contact your local police department or county sheriff's office. Be prepared to give as much information as you can about the vendor, including the name of the company and salesperson; company address & telephone number; and make, model, and license number (if possible) of the vehicle the vendor was driving.

ALL sellers must provide you with a contract or receipt at the time of sale showing the date, merchant's name and address, and a statement informing you of your right to cancel the contract within three days.

For more information on transient vendors, contact the South Dakota Department of Revenue at 1-800-829-9188

After proper cancellation, the seller has 10 days to refund your money!