

Check your quote. Set your boundaries.

Homeowner Safety & Pricing Reference

Keep this with your estimates. Check the evidence, agree on boundaries, and keep a written record.

Job: _____ **Quote:** \$ _____ **Reference:** \$ _____ to \$ _____

National starting points: Toilet installation, labor \$185-\$400; ceiling fan installation, labor \$100-\$300; seasonal HVAC maintenance \$100-\$350. Fixtures, repairs and extra work may cost more. Check sources, exact scope and optional state adjustment in the estimator.

01 Before the call: credentials + written quote

- ☐ Verify the business name and any required trade license with the official registry. Request current insurance evidence and confirm it independently with the insurer or agent.
- ☐ Get labor, materials, trip fees, exclusions, permits, cleanup and warranty in writing. Compare another estimate for the same scope if the price needs explanation.

02 Before entry: identity + your boundaries

- ☐ Ask the company for the worker name, arrival window and photo if available. Match arrival ID to dispatch details. If details differ, pause and call the company directly.
- ☐ Agree on work areas, private rooms and access: "Please stay in the agreed work area. Check with me before entering other rooms; let me know when I can inspect the work."

03 Before payment: scope + payment red flags

- ☐ Avoid full payment before work. Check local deposit rules, agree on milestones and keep receipts. Do not sign blank forms or accept cash demands without a written invoice.
- ☐ Require written approval for any added cost or work. Confirm completion and agreed inspection before final payment.

04 Book clearly. Keep the record.

Before arrival, please confirm who is coming, the arrival window, scope, itemized price, and applicable license and current insurance. Work is limited to the agreed areas. Please get written approval before changing scope or cost.

Price alerts: More than 35% above the reference ceiling or 30% below its floor calls for questions about the same scope. A price within range does not verify fairness or safety.

Point-in-time verification: SheFix review is not a background check or a guarantee of safety, price, or workmanship. Review the actual evidence: shefix.co/verification.html.

Open the safety guide: shefix.co/resources/homeowner-safety-guide

Price tool: shefix.co/tools/home-service-price-estimator

Sources: Home Depot; Trane; FTC, How To Avoid a Home Improvement Scam
consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-home-improvement-scam