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## **CONSUMER ADVISORY**

## Public Adjusters Must Be Licensed with the Maryland Insurance Administration

The Maryland Insurance Administration reminds consumers to verify that a Public Adjuster is licensed before hiring him or her to work on your behalf.

In order to perform this work in the State of Maryland, the individual must be licensed by the Maryland Insurance Administration. Please note that there is no provision for a temporary or limited license. Public Adjusters from other states must obtain a non-resident license in order to perform work in the State of Maryland.

Under Maryland law, a Public Adjuster is paid by the policyholder for investigating, appraising, evaluating, or otherwise giving advice or help to an insured in the adjustment of claims for losses or damages arising under insurance contracts that insure the real or personal property, or both, of an insured.

In order to verify whether an individual holds a resident or out of state (non-resident) license to work as a public adjuster, you may consult the Administration's website at <a href="https://www.apps.insurance.maryland.gov/CompanyProducerInfo/">https://www.apps.insurance.maryland.gov/CompanyProducerInfo/</a>, or contact the Maryland Insurance Administration at (800) 492-6116.

For more information concerning requirements for Public Adjusters under Maryland law, please consult the Maryland Insurance Administration's Consumer Advisory, *Should I Hire a Public Adjuster to Help Settle My Claim*, at <a href="https://insurance.maryland.gov/Consumer/pages/publicadjuster.aspx">https://insurance.maryland.gov/Consumer/pages/publicadjuster.aspx</a>