

Potential Signs a Dealer is Being Scammed

Please remember that these scams are people you have never dealt with before and then suddenly are requested (traditionally) large amounts of quantity of products without giving you the information you would normally expect for a job site.

Some of the more common signs of a scam are:

- The buyer is not local to you, but is ordering materials that are easy to get locally (shingles, CDX, etc...). If they products are readily available across the country, why would they buy from such a distance and pay to transport them;
- Bait-and-switch, where they drastically change their original intentions. This can include:
 - Drastic changes in the quantity of their order
 - Changes in how they way to get the material (they were going to pick it up and now they want a trucking company to bring it)
 - Asking for a refund to a credit card that is not the credit card they placed the order with. This should NEVER be done. If you are issuing a credit, only issue the credit back to the original credit card
 - Offering to overnight a check before receiving materials;
- Writing a check for a larger amount than the invoice asked for;
- Major spelling errors;
- A lack of English idioms;
- Use of terms not used in the United States (asking for lengths in meters instead of feet).