




# Audits and Investigations



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# Contractor Compliance- Priorities

- Increased focus on subcontractor practices
- Expansion of unannounced jobsite inspection and license violation program
- Aggressive investigation and discipline of contractors who engage in unsafe work or who exhibit a pattern of repeated or willful violations




# Subcontractors- Why?

- Historically, subcontractors would not always be reported to L&I. This created an opportunity for some bad-acting general contractors to use unlicensed subcontractors
  - An unlicensed sub might not have insurance, might not have OSHA training, might have lower quality work, and may be evading taxes.
  - Therefore, they can undercut the licensed contractors and subcontractors that are doing things the right way
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# Subcontractors- How?

- Increase in auditing- don't be surprised if you get an email from an L&I official asking for a list naming each subcontractor on your project
  - Inspections verifying subcontractor information
  - Soon—a requirement that every subcontractor be named through eClipse before they perform any work under your permit.
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# Subcontractors- When?

- Now! We recently initiated a new program. We are already requesting subcontractor lists and some other information for every residential new construction permit issued after May 1, 2020
  - We will soon be initiating similar programs for certain commercial new construction permits, and will continue to expand these audit programs
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# Unannounced Jobsite Inspections

- AIU inspectors perform unannounced jobsite inspections. These inspections include:
    - Ensuring that an OSHA 30 card holder is on site and that every single worker on site has an OSHA 10 card (and is employed by a licensed contractor)
    - Requesting a list of subcontractors involved in the project to verify that only licensed subcontractors are involved.
    - Checking to make sure that all required insurance is up-to-date
    - More, depending on jobsite and nature of complaint
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# License Violations

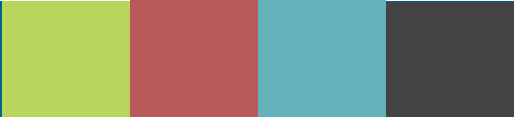
- Every contractor violation observed by my unit results in a License of Notice Violation and a fine of at least \$1,000 per violation.
  - Those violations can be appealed to the Board of L&I Review.
  - Violations result in a bill and, eventually, Municipal Court Enforcement
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# License Discipline

- License suspensions and Revocations issued for:
  - Unsafe Contractor Behavior
    - Underpinning--A registered special Inspector **must** be present through the entire process
  - Repeated Code Violations
  - Willful Code Violations





# Thank You