

# ***THE 8 -POINT CHECKLIST FOR HIRING THE RIGHT CONTRACTOR***



Everything you need to know before you start — from permits to moisture protection — so your project runs smooth, fast, and frustration-free.

Finishing a basement adds serious value to your home — whether you're creating more living space, a rental unit, or a place for guests. But in Utah, basements come with a unique set of challenges that many homeowners overlook. This guide will help you avoid costly mistakes and feel confident before you begin.

## **Checklist**

- ☐ Do they call or text you back within 1 business day?
- ☐ Are they licensed and insured in Utah? (You can ask for their license # and verify it online.)
- ☐ Do they provide a clear, itemized bid — not just a vague lump sum?
- ☐ Will the owner or lead carpenter be on-site? (AshCo has the owner, Cody, on every job.)
- ☐ Do they outline payment terms clearly and never ask for full payment up front?
- ☐ Can they provide local references with recent, similar projects?
- ☐ Do they help with permits and know your city's inspection process?
- ☐ Do they guarantee their work and offer follow-up if anything goes wrong?

## **Red Flags To Watch For:**

Pressure to book right away or “today only” discounts

Vague answers about who's actually doing the work

No written contract or timeline

Reviews with consistent complaints about communication or delays

**Pro Tip:** A good contractor will welcome your questions — and have great answers.

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Hiring the right contractor makes all the difference. If you're ready for clear communication, quality work, and a team that shows up — call or text Cody at **801-319-9510**. Let's make your project easy.