Client Screening Checklist for Contractors Know when to walk away before the job starts

• •	Use this checklist before accepting any new client or job:
	1. Did they resist a deposit or ask for a discount before signing?
	2. Do they avoid signing a formal contract or written scope of work?
	3. Are they vague about budget, timeline, or decision-making?
	4. Did they mention having "issues" with a previous contractor?
	5. Are they overly focused on price—not value or process?
	6. Did you Google their name or business and find red flags?
	7. Have they been flagged in the Contractors Collect database?
	8. Did your gut say "maybe not" after the first call or visit?

lf you checked 3 or more boxes—think twice before signing