

Before You Sit in the Dental Chair.

Not everyone offering dental services in Texas is licensed.

An unlicensed provider can cause serious, permanent harm. It takes less than a minute to check.

CHECK THE LICENSE. IT IS FREE AND FAST.

- 1 Go to ls.tsbde.texas.gov on any phone or computer.
- 2 Search the dentist's name or license number. Check your spelling.
- 3 Make sure the license is active and not expired, suspended, or revoked.

If a provider will not give you a license number, that is a serious warning sign. Walk away.

WHERE ILLEGAL DENTAL WORK HAPPENS

Watch out for dental services offered at:

⚠️ Private homes or apartments ⚠️ Garages ⚠️ Hair salons ⚠️ Flea markets

A real dental office is the only safe place to receive dental care.

NEED LOW-COST CARE?

Do not let cost push you toward someone who is not licensed.

Free and low-cost dental clinics exist across Texas.

Call 2-1-1

Free, 24 hours a day. Or visit 211texas.org

SEE SOMETHING? REPORT IT.

Practicing dentistry without a license is a crime in Texas.

Texas State Board of Dental Examiners
(737) 363-2320 | tsbde.texas.gov

*If you were harmed, get care first.
You can also call local police.*

Find a licensed dentist near you: findadentist.ada.org

Learn more before you sit in the dental chair:

www.tda.org/for-the-public/before-you-sit-in-the-dental-chair

Texas Dental Association | tda.org

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