



#### What Does a Mechanic's Lien Do?

In a nutshell, a mechanic's lien is a legal document that pressures the person or company responsible for paying contractors or subcontractors for their work.

### Why File a Mechanic's Lien?

- Protects your right to get paid as a contractor, subcontractor or sub-subcontractor
- If you don't file, there's a good chance you won't get paid, especially if there are multiple contractors and subs owed money
- Prevents property owner from selling property until all liens are paid





Commercial property

For public works projects, you file a bond claim instead.



# 8 FAST TIPS

### for Filing a Mechanic's Lien

- Know the law it changes, and so do the deadlines
- Make sure you know if your specialty requires a
- license to legally do businessDon't miss a deadline or you lose your right to file
- a lien
  Send all notifications and communications to property owner and primary contractor via

certified mail

- File promptly, especially if the construction project
- is failing
  Don't worry about offending the lien recipient
  with non-payment notices and lien notifications -
- it shows you are a professionalFile a mechanic's lien if you get no response from
- notices don't wait too long for a response
  Don't expect to get reimbursed for any costs to file a lien - you won't



## Use an Automated, Online Platform to Save \$ and Time

Send a pre-lien notice for each month that goes unpaid
File a mechanic's lien against a property
Remove a mechanic's lien filed on a property
Prepare and send a bond claim notice to the Surety company

Access and notarize your documents
File online vs going to county office
Send every piece of mail via USPS® Certified Mail with
Return Receipt Requested



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