Assignment of Benefits: Red Flag Checklist

Know what to look for to determine if you are being misled into signing an AOB. As a policyholder, you must perform your obligations under the policy and understand your repair responsibilities. All homeowner policies are different. Determine your responsibilities by reviewing the Conditions, Duties After a Loss Section of your policy. If you have questions, contact your insurance agent or insurance company.

Red Flags to Look for:
- You feel pressured to sign a contract or other documents.
- You are asked to sign over your benefits in order to initiate the repair process.
- The language in the contract/document is similar to a power of attorney for the handling of the claim - this power gives the company the right to negotiate and endorse checks and/or hire an attorney or public adjuster on your behalf.
- The language requires that all claim proceeds be made payable to an entity or individual other than you (the policyholder) or your mortgage company.
- The language prevents your insurance company from communicating directly with you about your claim.
- The document looks unprofessional and contains grammatical errors, misspelled words or blank spaces.

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