

Guidelines for Locating a Qualified Installer

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ESP Safety Shelters are designed to be installed by the owner (DYI) if desired. DIY Installation does require heavy lifting, some tools (as listed in this manual) and assistance from 2 to 3 additional people. DIY Installation does not eliminate the need for a Qualified Inspector to certify the installation.

ESP Safety Shelters can also be installed by a third party. To locate a third party installer you have a few choices:

- 1) Visit the National Storm Shelter Association's website www.nssa.cc/installers. This site will provide you with a list of pre-approved installation companies who are registered members of the NSSA.
- 2) Locate a local installer that is experienced in general construction and installing anchor bolts in concrete. There are also a number of resources online to assist in your search. However, word of mouth referrals are always the best option. The installer you choose does not have to be experienced in Storm Shelter installation, but they should have experience in the above mentioned trades. Always ask for references and contact the Better Business Bureau to thoroughly check the installer's reputation.
- 3) Remember, the Installation and Inspection Checklists MUST always be followed to ensure the near-absolute protection provided by your ESP Safety Shelter.
- 4) Finally, regardless of who installs your ESP Safety Shelter it MUST be inspected by a Qualified Inspector using the Inspection Checklist that came with your unit.