



## Beware 'Blow-and-go' Scams

(NAPSA)—For their own peace of mind, home owners should get their heating and cooling systems cleaned by members of NADCA, who must comply with a strict Code of Ethics. Some homeowners have been taken by what's known as "blow-and-go" air duct cleaning—but you don't have to be. These companies charge what seems a nominal fee but do a very poor job. They may ask you to pay extra for unneeded services and even pretend to be members of NADCA.



**Knowing the right questions to ask can help to ensure a quality duct cleaning.**

### Protect Yourself Six Ways

1. Ask the contractor which components will be cleaned.

2. Verify that the contractor will limit the release of dust, dirt and debris into your home during the cleaning.

3. Make certain the contractor will use both agitation and vacuum collection.

4. Ask the contractor to inform you if any chemicals will be used and to provide a safety data sheet for them.

5. Have the contractor provide proof of proper licenses.

6. To ensure that the company you hire is indeed a NADCA member, look it up in NADCA's Find a Professional Directory or verify membership at [info@nadca.com](mailto:info@nadca.com).

To be NADCA members, companies must:

- Have at least one NADCA-certified Air Systems Cleaning Specialist
- Maintain general liability insurance
- Clean according to NADCA Standards
- Comply with NADCA's Code of Ethics.

### Learn More

For further facts and tips, visit <https://nadca.com/homeowners/why-hire-a-nadca-member>.