

UNDERSTANDING CALIFORNIA LIEN RIGHTS



Why file a Preliminary Notice?

It establishes your lien rights in the event of nonpayment.

ESTABLISH -

Serve a California Preliminary 20 Day Notice:

- It is required to establish lien rights on most projects - California Civil Code sec. 8200 et seq. and 9300 et seq.
- Some exceptions apply to residential builds, feel free to call FileMyPrelim.com or your attorney if you are unsure whether you have rights or not.

MAINTAIN -

Keep your documentation online, inline, accurate, and up to date:

- Document all relevant change orders and Lien Waivers
 - * if it's not documented, it didn't happen!
- Every change order should have an accommodating AddShip (updated Preliminary Notice) attached to your original. It establishes your timeframes & debt as the project progresses.

EXECUTE -

File your Mechanic's / Materialmen's Lien within California law:

- In the event of nonpayment, you may have the right to file a Lien.
- You must have filed a **Preliminary 20 Day Notice** in order to have these rights.
- In order to perfect a Lien, you must file within **90** days of last providing material or labor to a project*.
 - * **IMPORTANT:** If a Notice of Completion has been filed with the courts, you have only **60** days of last providing materials and/or labor to file your lien.

✿ IMPORTANT NOTE:

Don't inadvertently waive your lien rights by signing unconditional waivers if you haven't been paid.

If you go unpaid after signing an Unconditional Waiver, you may completely lose the right to claim a lien for that dollar amount.

If you have questions about a waiver you have received, we advise you speak to an attorney.

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