Hiring a pool cage company? Ask these questions first.

Only one company in this guide publishes a new-enclosure price on its own website: AB Aluminum & Screens, a typical pool cage at $9,200-$12,400 installed, from about $24 per square foot, including engineering and Miami-Dade HVHZ permits. That figure belongs to AB Aluminum & Screens only - it is not a county average and not a quote for your home. No company in this guide publishes a verified rescreening price. So a real price comes only after a visit, a measurement, and a written quote. Do not just compare prices. Send these questions with every quote request, and judge each company by how it answers. A good company welcomes every one of them.

First, check the license

Florida licenses contractors at the state level through the Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR). Only 3 companies in this guide publish a license number on their own website: King Remodeling Pools & Spas (CGC 1524051), PJ's Rescreening (U-21243) and RH Screen Plus Roofing (SCC131152780 for screens and CCC1335921 for roofing). Ask for the company's license number and confirm it with the DBPR. If a company can't give you a number, or won't answer when you ask for one, that's a red flag. Also confirm who pulls the permits, handles the engineering and the HOA approval, and what happens if an inspection fails.

The six questions

1. **What is your license number, and can I verify it with the Florida DBPR?**
   What you're listening for: A good company gives the number without hesitation - and it matches the DBPR record.
2. **Is this a new cage, a full rescreen, or panel or frame repair - and what exactly is included?**
   What you're listening for: These are different scopes with different prices. Get the exact scope in writing.
3. **What mesh, frame and fasteners are quoted, and what are the alternatives?**
   What you're listening for: Mesh type and frame change price and durability. Compare like with like.
4. **Who handles the permits, engineering and HOA approval, and what do they cost?**
   What you're listening for: Confirm they are included before you sign, and who answers if an inspection fails.
5. **What do the product and labor warranties cover, for how long, and are they transferable?**
   What you're listening for: Product and labor are different warranties. Get both in writing.
6. **Who installs the work - your own crew or subcontractors - and on what timeline?**
   What you're listening for: Ask who will be in your home, and when, and what happens if permits run late.

Red flags - walk away if you see these

- No license number, and no willingness to be verified with the DBPR
- A price quoted sight-unseen over the phone, without a visit or measurement
- A rescreening price presented as a general range, not a written on-site quote
- No permit handling - permits left to you, or skipped entirely
- A warranty that covers the product only, with no labor coverage

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