Questions to ask before you hire a tub-to-shower contractor

Ask every company the same questions and write down the answers. A good contractor answers all of them plainly, in writing where it counts.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

- [ ] **Are you licensed and insured? Can I see proof?**
  Ask for the certificate of insurance, not just a yes.
- [ ] **Who does the work: your own crew or subcontractors?**
  And who is in charge on site on install day?
- [ ] **Can I see photos of showers you built nearby?**
  Real jobs, not catalog pictures.
- [ ] **Will you share my phone number with anyone?**
  Some companies pass your number on to other sellers.

ABOUT THE SHOWER

- [ ] **Is it real tile, or panels over the old wall?**
  Both exist. Know which one you are paying for.
- [ ] **What goes behind the tile or panels to keep water out?**
  Ask how the wall is waterproofed.
- [ ] **How high is the step into the shower?**
  A low curb is a few inches. A tub wall is usually 14 to 16.
- [ ] **Where will the grab bar go, and what is it anchored into?**
  It should be fixed into framing or backing, not just tile.

ABOUT THE PRICE AND THE SCHEDULE

- [ ] **Is the price in writing? Does it expire, or is there a deadline to sign?**
  A fair price holds without a deadline.
- [ ] **What is included?**
  Tub removal and haul-away, the glass door, the grab bar, any permit.
- [ ] **What happens if you find water damage behind the tub?**
  You should see it and get the repair price in writing before any work.
- [ ] **How long will it take, and what could make it longer?**
  Plumbing changes and hidden damage are the usual reasons.
- [ ] **What does the warranty cover, and for how long?**
  Ask about workmanship, not only the products.

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