



# Unlicensed Activity is a Crime



## WHAT CAN DPOR DO?

 Practicing a profession without a required state license is a misdemeanor criminal violation.


 When DPOR gets a report of unlicensed activity, DPOR will commonly attempt to obtain compliance by getting the violator to comply with licensing requirements or cease operations.

 If DPOR can't obtain compliance or if compliance is not appropriate, DPOR will refer the case local law enforcement.

 DPOR's regulatory boards do not have jurisdiction over unlicensed activity.

 DPOR will work with prosecutors to assist in bringing criminal charges against unlicensed individuals or businesses.

### Between 2020–2022

 DPOR assisted with obtaining **159** criminal warrants for unlicensed activity.

### What Can You Do?

 **File a complaint** with DPOR or report unlicensed activity local law enforcement.

### Verify a License

 Use DPOR's License Lookup. Visit [www.dpor.virginia.gov](http://www.dpor.virginia.gov)