

4 Prelien Myths Busted

Despite how crucial they are in protecting your right to get paid for your hard work, many GCs, property owners and subs tend to tense up at the thought of liens and preliens.

It's time to dispel the myths and misconceptions that are tarnishing the way these very useful contractor tools are viewed.

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Receiving a prelien means that there's something wrong on the project.

Getting a prelien does not always mean that something is wrong or that someone hasn't been paid. In fact, it's usually because preliens are required by state statute in order to secure lien rights and/or as a courtesy to let the GC or owner know of their involvement on the project.



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Sending a prelien first isn't necessary if you want to file an actual mechanic's lien.

We'll start by saying that this differs state by state, but 37 states (and counting) have some sort of prelien requirement. To be safe, treat this myth like it couldn't be further from the truth, and consider sending preliens on all jobs to ensure you are not missing out on any lien rights.



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Sending preliens is time-consuming.

We understand that contractors have a lot on their plate, and this can seem like one more monotonous administrative task that you'd rather not do. Luckily, the lien experts at Titan Lien Services are available to do all the heavy lifting for you. You provide job information; we research and send preliens on your behalf. Consider us your partner in protecting any lien rights you may have.



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Preliens create tension with your client or GC.

On the contrary, preliens can serve as a useful administrative and communication tool for those who sit at the top of the construction payment chain. They help property owners and GCs know exactly who is working on the project and who needs to be paid, promoting greater visibility on the entire project.

