

WAS YOUR LAST HOME INSPECTOR BLIND?

Learn Seven Things You Must-Know To Avoid Hiring The Wrong Home Inspector



1. Get A Home Inspection From The Owner Of The Company:

Nobody works harder for you, the client than the owner of the company! The success of the business depends on exceeding your expectations for quality and professionalism each and every time and you just don't get that level of service from "employee inspectors!" So be sure to get an inspection from the owner of the company because he has a vested interest in ensuring your Total Satisfaction!

On the other hand, if the inspector is doing three inspections a day, he's probably not spending the time needed to do a complete job. A complete inspection is going to take around 3 to 3.5 hours. Anything less and you're just getting a drive by inspection.

2. Education & Training:

Being a contractor is very different from being a Professional Home Inspector. Home inspectors are responsible for evaluating all of the systems and components of the home — not just one aspect such as the brick or the framing. To be able to provide a competent evaluation of all of these elements takes formal education and training.

Did the inspector attend one of the top home inspection schools, or did he complete a correspondence course, or have his brother in law Bubba show him how to inspect?

Comprehensive, continuing education and training is a must!

3. Certifications:

While certifications are certainly important, it's the combination of Experience, Education and Training that make the difference in the competency of your next home inspector. Certifications let the world know that the inspector can pass a test, not that he can inspect a home properly. We all know people who are certified for one thing or another that we wouldn't hire under any circumstances.

There is simply no substitute for experience and proper training.

4. Advanced Technology:

Buying a home is an extraordinary investment. So why would you want merely an ordinary inspection?

There is no reason to wonder if you're getting the best inspection if the inspector is using cutting-edge technologies and the proper tools — such as Laser Thermometer, Hand-Held Computer, Moisture Meter, Outlet Testers, etc.

– Newer technology such as these will uncover "hidden" signs of damage and potential problems that might otherwise go undetected in an "ordinary" inspection.

5. The Inspection Report:

The top home inspectors in today's business don't produce handwritten reports. A professional inspector will provide at least a 30+ page narrative report, and not some little 10-15 pages that you can't read because he writes like your doctor.

You should want the report to be written in plain English, not some "Techno Jargon"- that only the home inspector can understand.

The report should contain a repair cost estimates. Inspector should NEVER make repairs or offer to make repairs at a later date.

An inspector that makes repairs should always be avoided due to the conflict of interest inherent in that situation. All national home inspection associations forbid this lack of integrity and objectivity. Ask for a sample of an inspection report so you'll know what you can expect for your time and money. After all, you are the client!

