

# Buyer's First Glance

## A Checklist for Visually Spotting Red Flags

This brief guide will help you to identify potential issues during your showing. Our goal is to help you make a confident, informed decision before submitting an offer on a new home.



After submitting an offer, call Home Inspection Carolina to thoroughly inspect the property for you! But until then, here are a few things to keep an eye on:

### 1. Start with the Exterior

*Roof:* Look for missing shingles, signs of wear, or damage.

*Siding:* Check for missing pieces, cracks, warping, or mold.

### 2. Check the Foundation

*Cracks:* Look for horizontal, vertical, or stair-step cracks.

*Settling:* Notice if any part of the house seems to be sinking.

### 3. Electrical System

*Electrical Panel:* Ensure it's clearly labeled.

*Outlets:* Check for charring or burn marks.

### 4. Evaluate the Plumbing

*Peek Under Sinks:* Inspect for drips or water damage.

*Water Heater:* Check its age and for any rust at the fittings.

### 5. The HVAC System

*Heating and Cooling:* Does the home feel comfortable?

### 6. Look for Signs of Water Damage

*Ceilings and Walls:* Look for stains or bubbling paint.

*Floors:* Check for warping or discoloration.

*Smell:* Musty odors can indicate hidden water damage.

### 7. Safety Hazards

*Smoke & CO Detectors:* Check for one in each room and living area of the home. Ensure they are not yellowing from age.

*Railings:* Are the stair railings secure and free from rattling when tapped?

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**Lastly, Don't Skip the Home Inspection!** This is a brief overview of key points to look out for. Even if you're thorough, a professional home inspector will catch issues you may have missed. At Home Inspection Carolina, our licensed home inspectors will deliver a detailed inspection and a comprehensive report to ensure your peace of mind.

Remember, always consult with your trusted real estate agent and a licensed home inspector. Purchasing a home is one of the most significant investments you'll make. With the right team and knowledge, you'll find the perfect home for you and your family.



**Ready to take the next step? Schedule your inspection today!**

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