

FOR HOME BUYERS

Buyer's First Glance

A Checklist for Visually Spotting Red Flags

This brief guide will help you spot potential issues during your showing, so you can make a confident, informed decision before submitting an offer. Once your offer is in, call Home Inspection Carolina to thoroughly inspect the property for you.

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1 Start with the Exterior			5 The HVAC System		
Roof: Look for missing shingles, signs of wear, or damage.	☐	☐	Heating & Cooling: Does the home feel comfortable?	☐	☐
Siding: Check for missing pieces, cracks, warping, or mold.	☐	☐	6 Look for Signs of Water Damage		
2 Check the Foundation			Ceilings & Walls: Look for stains or bubbling paint.	☐	☐
Cracks: Look for horizontal, vertical, or stair-step cracks.	☐	☐	Floors: Check for warping or discoloration.	☐	☐
Settling: Notice if any part of the house seems to be sinking.	☐	☐	Smell: Musty odors can indicate hidden water damage.	☐	☐
3 Electrical System			7 Safety Hazards		
Electrical Panel: Make sure it is clearly labeled.	☐	☐	Smoke & CO Detectors: Look for smoke detectors in each bedroom and on every level, and CO detectors outside sleeping areas. Yellowed units are likely old.	☐	☐
Outlets: Check for charring or burn marks.	☐	☐	Railings: Are the stair railings secure and free from rattling when tapped?	☐	☐
4 Evaluate the Plumbing					
Peek Under Sinks: Inspect for drips or water damage.	☐	☐			
Water Heater: Check its age and look for rust at the fittings.	☐	☐			

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.

Don't skip the home inspection! Schedule yours today.

Even if you're thorough, a professional inspector will catch issues you may have missed. Our licensed inspectors deliver a detailed inspection and a comprehensive report for your peace of mind.

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