

YOU WANT TO BUY A HOUSE

Now What?

Don't Wait.....

To Find Your Home Inspector!

Once the seller accepts your offer, there is a very limited window of time to get your inspection done. Trying to find and interview inspectors in that short time frame may not give you sufficient opportunity to find the person that's the best fit for you. Starting the search for your home inspector before you enter into a real estate transaction is essential to finding the right person and having a good experience. After all, buying a home is no small thing and not all home inspectors are the same.

GET SOME REFERRALS AND START INTERVIEWING

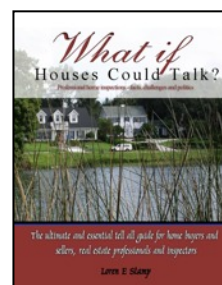
Your Realtor will most likely provide you with a list of names to get you started, but don't rely solely on that. If you have friends or family members who have had positive experiences with an inspector, ask them as well. Regardless of what inspector you call, take the time to thoroughly interview them and check them out. Don't just shop for an inspector like you would shop for the lowest price on a new car.

WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO YOU!

Before you get started, take a moment to think about what's important to you, like having an inspector who seems understanding and a good communicator, someone whose business is local, or perhaps someone experienced with building construction. There's a lot riding on this relationship and it's important that your expectations are met.

WHAT'S NEXT?

On the back side of this page is a basic worksheet to help you navigate through the process of choosing a home inspector. You can also find out more by downloading a free book with great information about inspections called, "What if Houses Could Talk". Go to www.cameohis.com and click on the tab "The Book".

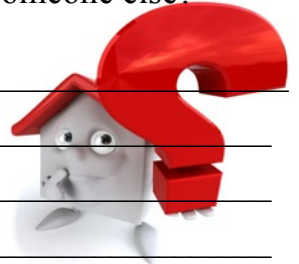


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What questions should I ask?

- ✓ Is the inspector licensed with the Washington Department of Licensing as a Home Inspector?
- ✓ Is the inspector licensed with the WSDA as Structural Pest Inspector and is there an additional fee for that service?
- ✓ How long has the inspector been doing inspections?
- ✓ Does the inspector carry Liability and Errors and Omissions insurance?
- ✓ Does the inspector hold any certifications? What did they do to earn them and is there anything they must do to maintain them?
- ✓ Does the inspector belong to a professional association?
- ✓ How much actual “in classroom” continuing education does the inspector attend yearly?
- ✓ What sets their company apart from the others?
- ✓ How soon after the inspection will I get my report?
- ✓ How long will the inspection take? (Industry standards is 2½ -3 hours)
- ✓ When it comes time to schedule, will I get the person I interviewed, or someone else?

Notes: _____



Home inspections are all about consumer protection and education. If you have any inspection related questions we can help answer, please feel free to call. 360-459-1632

