



Learn Seven Things You Must Know to Avoid Hiring the Wrong Home Inspector

1-Get A Home Inspection from A Licensed, Professional Inspector:

Nobody works harder for you, the client, than Buss Inspection Services, Inc.! The success of the business depends on exceeding your expectations for quality and professionalism each and every time. Be sure to get an inspection from a professional company because they have a vested interest in ensuring your Total Satisfaction!

Also, it takes a full-time inspector at least 100 inspections to develop the eyes, ears, and nose for hunting down problems. Part-time home inspectors simply don't have the time in the field to develop that radar. Be sure to ask how many inspections the inspector conducts annually and how many years he/she has been doing them.

A quality full-time home inspector conducts between 200 and 400 inspections annually – blind inspectors conduct 50 to 100 inspections annually.

Conducting 200-400 inspections each year requires extensive referrals, by prior clients, lenders, real estate agents, and others — so there is a much greater chance the inspector is truly experienced!

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 2 to 3-hours.

(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 and licensed by the state?

Comprehensive, continuing education and training are 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.

– New technology 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 a written report, photos, and videos.

Our videos can be sent to your contractor to be used for repair estimates.

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! [Click to view our Sample Report](#)

(6) How Long Has the Inspection Company Been in Business:

Is the inspection company locally owned and operated or are they some far away "faceless corporation" where no one is monitoring and evaluating the quality of their work? If you are dealing with a multi-inspector firm, how long has the inspection company been in business? Does the inspection company have dedicated employees serving as customer service representatives to schedule appointments and provide any needed follow-up assistance?

(7) Ask to See What Other Home Buyers Have Said About The Inspector:

Quality Professional Home Inspectors request feedback from their clients. Professional Inspectors want to know what they are doing right, as well as what might need improvement because you can't improve what you don't measure. If the inspector can't or won't provide client referrals, he might be blind in more ways than one!