

Was Your Last Home Inspector Blind?



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

(1) **Get a Home Inspector With Lots Of Experience:**

In Illinois all you have to do to get a license to be a home inspector is take a class and pass a test. You can be a home inspector without ever even inspecting 1 home!

It takes a full time inspector at least 100 inspections to start to develop the eyes, ears and nose for hunting down problems. New or part-time 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 300 inspections annually – blind inspectors conduct less than 50 inspections annually. Conducting 200-300 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 not BLIND!

(All of the Home Inspection Man inspectors have a minimum of 2 years experience before starting with our company. They conduct 200-300 inspections

annually and they conduct 50 inspections with us before they get out of our training program.)

FYI — If an inspector brags about doing 4 or more inspections a day, he's doing them too fast to do a good job!! Most days we do 2 to 3 inspections a day.

(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 a home – not just one aspect, like the brick or the framing. To be able to provide a competent evaluation of all of these elements takes formal education and on the job training. Did the inspector attend one of the top home inspection training schools like the **American Home Inspectors Training Institute** (AHIT) or **Inspection Training Associates** (ITA) or a collage course from the **Bellman Group**, the leading Home Inspection adult education provider in Illinois? Or, did he complete a correspondence course, or worse have his brother-in-law show him how to inspect?

Upon completion of the inspector's formal education did he complete a comprehensive training program where he completed 40 to 50 home inspections with a seasoned professional in the field? Or did the inspector learn on the job (on his own) at the buyer's expense? If the inspector is a one man operation, then who is checking the quality of his work? Engineering and technology in today's home is becoming more sophisticated all the time. Comprehensive continuing education and training is a must.

Because Illinois does not require any apprenticeship before issuing a license to inspect homes, you can be a Home Inspector with out ever inspecting even 1 home! Is that crazy or what??? We only hire inspectors with a minimum of 2 years experience inspecting homes and train them further on how to do the best job for you!

All of our inspectors are required to complete 2 times the number of continuing education courses than the state requires and every inspector's reports are checked for quality on a weekly bases.

(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.

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(4) The Inspection Report::

The top inspectors in today's business don't produce hand written reports. A Professional inspector will provide a combination checklist/narrative report. You should also receive a electronic report with digital pictures of the issues discovered during the inspection.

The report should not contain the repair cost or action plans for the repairs. Professional home inspectors inspect – they don't repair! An inspector that makes repairs should always be avoided due to the conflict of interest inherent in that situation.

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(5) How Long Has The Inspection Company Been in Business:

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(6) Ask To See What Other Home Buyers Have Said About The Inspector?

Quality Professional Home Inspectors ask their client's to complete comments cards upon completion of the inspection. Profession Inspectors want to know what they are doing right, as well as what might need improvement. If the inspector can't or won't provide client referrals, he might be blind in more ways than one!

(The Home Inspection Man clients gladly provide their feedback on our Inspectors and we'll be glad to share those with you!)

(7) Ask your Lender or Attorney For A Referral For A Quality Home Inspector:

The lenders and attorneys sole interest in the transaction is seeing that you get a quality home that's right for you and your family!

(A Large Percentage of The Home Inspection Man's referrals come from Lenders and Attorneys who want the BEST for their clients!)

Your Premier Chicago Home Inspector Company | Let this experienced Chicago Home Inspector company help keep you from buying The Money Pit. We'll alert you to any and all health or safety issues and maintenance needs of the home you're looking to buy.

The Home Inspection Man will be your home buying or selling advocate! We are committed to providing you with outstanding service. We're highly experienced and extremely thorough. If you're looking to buy or sell in the Chicago area, we can help!

Owned and operated by Master Inspector Specialist, Gary Monfeli, The Home Inspection Man prides himself in being committed to following high standards and providing professional service to all of our customers.

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