



YOUR INSPECTION REPORT

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FOR THE PROPERTY AT:

12345 Cranbrook Street
Cranbrook, BC

PREPARED FOR:

SAMPLE REPORT

INSPECTION DATE:

Thursday, January 5, 2023



Out
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Home Inspection

Out Of The Woods Home Inspection

Cranbrook, BC

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SUMMARY

12345 Cranbrook Street, Cranbrook, BC January 5, 2023

Report No. 1016, v.3

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This Summary outlines potentially significant issues from a cost or safety standpoint. This section is provided as a courtesy and cannot be considered a substitute for reading the entire report. Please read the complete document.

[Priority Maintenance Items](#)

Exterior

WALLS \ General notes

Condition: • Damage

Potential pest damage noted under siding.

Location: Front exterior below window

Task: Further investigation required by contractor to determine damage and proper repair.

Time: Before listing

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Columns / Posts

Condition: • Cracking noted in bricks where metal post is bearing.

Implication(s): Continued structural movement.

Location: Front entryway

Task: Monitor monthly for movement. If ongoing movement is noted engage contractor to further investigate and determine scope and cost of repair.

Time: Ongoing

LANDSCAPING \ General notes

Condition: • [Trees or shrubs too close to building](#)

Large trees noted at front of home

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Chance of pests entering building | Material deterioration

Location: Front exterior

Task: Engage arborist for cost and scope of removal.

Time: Before listing or for buyers discretion

Electrical

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Missing

Missing smoke alarms noted

Implication(s): Safety issue

Location: Throughout

Task: Install smoke alarms

Time: Buyers to replace after possession

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Heating

FURNACE \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Implication(s): Equipment failure | No heat for building

Location: Mechanical room

Task: Engage heating specialist to determine scope and cost of replacement. Anticipate replacement and budget accordingly.

Time: Buyer to address and budget accordingly

Plumbing

SUPPLY PLUMBING \ Water supply piping in building

Condition: • Copper pipes generally have a life expectancy of 50 years. These pipes appear to be the original to the home, and therefore are nearing or at their expected life.

Location: Throughout

Task: Monitor monthly for leaks, should you see any signs of corrosion, drips, or leaks, immediately contact a plumber to repair.

Time: Regular maintenance and inspection required

WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Water heater is 11 years old

Implication(s): No hot water

Location: Basement mechanical room

Task: Consult with your insurance provider. Engage plumbing contractor to determine cost and scope of replacement. Budget for replacement.

Time: Buyer to address and budget accordingly

This concludes the Summary section.

The remainder of the report describes each of the home's systems and also details any recommendations we have for improvements. Limitations that restricted our inspection are included as well.

The suggested time frames for completing recommendations are based on the limited information available during a pre-purchase home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

Description

Roofing material:

- [Asphalt shingles](#)

Where visible

Flashing material:

- Metal

Where visible

Typical life expectancy: • 20-25 years

Roof Shape: • Gable

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by:

- The visual inspection of the roof was limited by snow cover. The buyer is advised that the roof was not visible on the day of inspection and therefore it was not inspected. I recommend having the roof and it's associated systems inspected by a qualified professional once visible, to ensure that there are no issues or deficiencies.



Snow covered

Inspection performed: • From the ground

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Not readily accessible interiors of vent systems, flues, and chimneys

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Description

General:

- Exterior photos



Front



Right



Rear



Left

Wall surfaces and trim:

- [Vinyl siding](#)

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Vinyl siding

- [Stucco](#)



Stucco

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Snow / ice / frost

Snow covering the majority of the driveway and walkways around the exterior of the home. Recommend a visual inspection once snow melts to ensure no deficiencies or trip hazards are found.

Exterior inspected from: • Ground level

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Screens, shutters, awnings, and similar seasonal accessories • Fences and boundary walls • Geological and soil conditions

Observations and Recommendations

WALLS \ General notes

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Time: Before listing



Damage



Damage

WALLS \ Soffits (underside of eaves) and fascia (front edge of eaves)

Condition: • Paint - deteriorated / missing

Paint missing, and minor deterioration on end of beam

Implication(s): Shortened life expectancy of material

Location: Carport

Task: Repaint

Time: Regular maintenance

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Paint - deteriorated / missing

WALLS \ Vinyl siding

Condition: • [Mechanical damage](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Left exterior

Task: Seal all openings to prevent pests and water ingress

Time: Regular maintenance

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Mechanical damage

WALLS \ Stucco

Condition: • Minor cracks

Minor exterior cracks noted

Implication(s): Shortened life expectancy of material. Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents, Material deterioration

Location: Exterior throughout

Task: Seal all exterior cracks

Time: Regular maintenance

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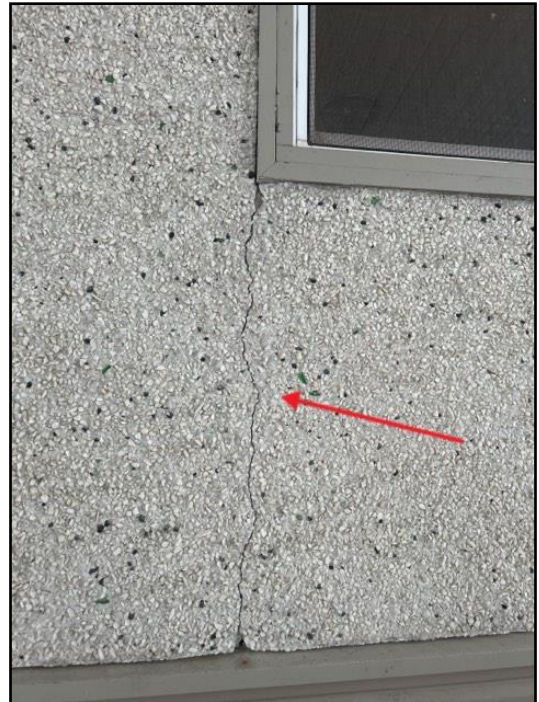
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Minor cracks



Minor cracks



Minor cracks

EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ Exterior trim

Condition: • [Paint or stain needed](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Material deterioration

Location: Front exterior window

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Task: Repaint

Time: Regular maintenance



Paint needed

EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ Window wells

Condition: • No drain noted in window well

Implication(s): Water ingress may damage contents and structure.

Location: Carport

Task: Ensure water and snow are kept away from window well. Install lip on concrete in front of window well to redirect water.

Time: Before listing



Window well

DOORS \ Exterior trim

Condition: • [No drip edge](#)

No drip edge noted above door and gap noted the side door trim.

Implication(s): Chance of damage to finishes and structure

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Location: Exterior entry of carport

Task: Install proper drip edge, as well as seal area between stucco and door trim.

Time: Before listing



No drip edge

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Columns / Posts

Condition: • Twisted post noted

Implication(s): Continued movement of post may impact structural bearing and support.

Location: Carport

Task: Replace twisted post to ensure proper bearing

Time: Before listing



Twisted post

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Time: Ongoing



Cracked bricks

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Stairs and landings

Condition: • [Stair rise too big or not uniform](#)

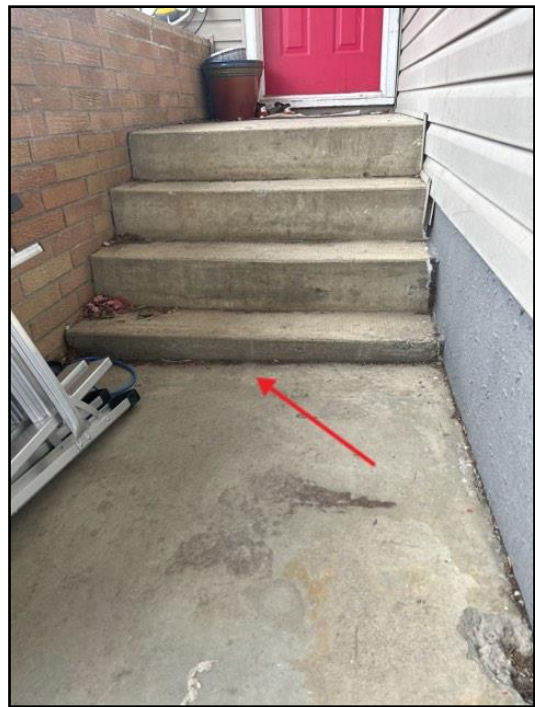
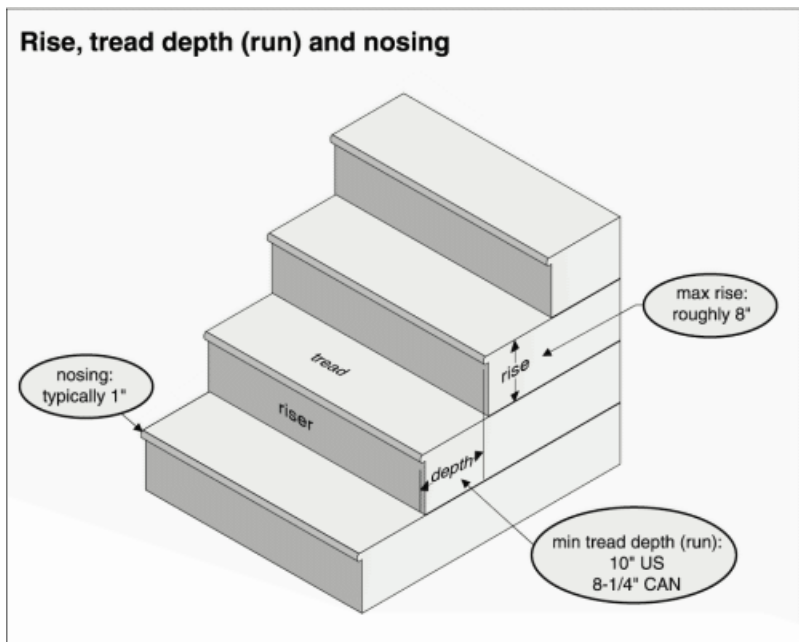
Ununiform rise on stair treads noted

Implication(s): Trip or fall hazard

Location: Front entryway

Task: Be aware of ununiform rise in stairs. Ensure visible to others.

Time: Discretionary



Stair rise not uniform

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

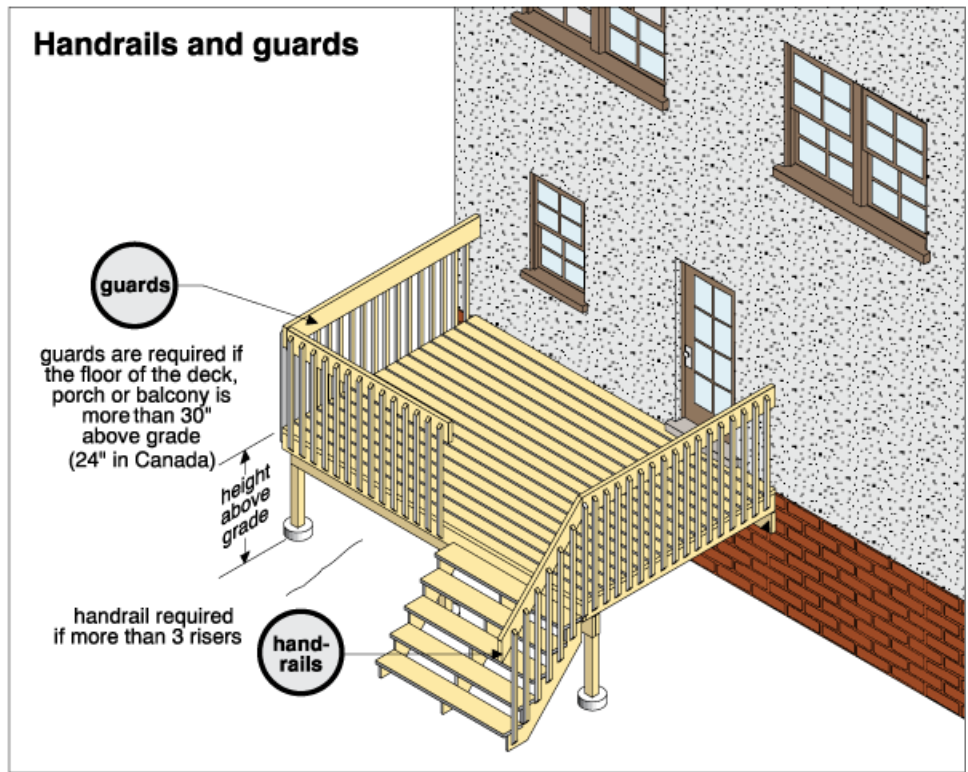
Condition: • [Missing](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Front exterior entry

Task: Install handrail

Time: Before listing



Missing handrail

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Missing guard rail noted on front entryway

Implication(s): Fall hazard

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Location: Front entry

Task: Install guard rail

Time: Before listing



Missing guard rail

LANDSCAPING \ General notes

Condition: • [Planters and gardens against walls](#)

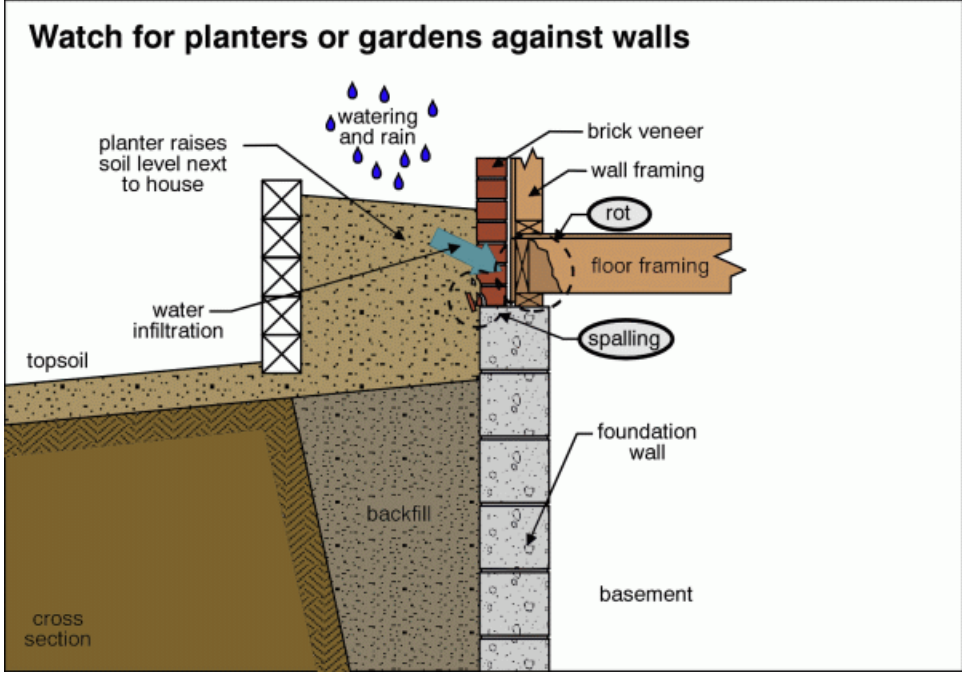
Flower bed noted against foundation

Implication(s): Chance of water entering building | Chance of damage to structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Front exterior

Task: Remove flower bed or move flower bed away from exterior foundation. wall

Time: Buyers discretion



Flower bed against foundation

Condition: • [Trees or shrubs too close to building](#)

Large trees noted at front of home

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Location: Front exterior

Task: Engage arborist for cost and scope of removal.

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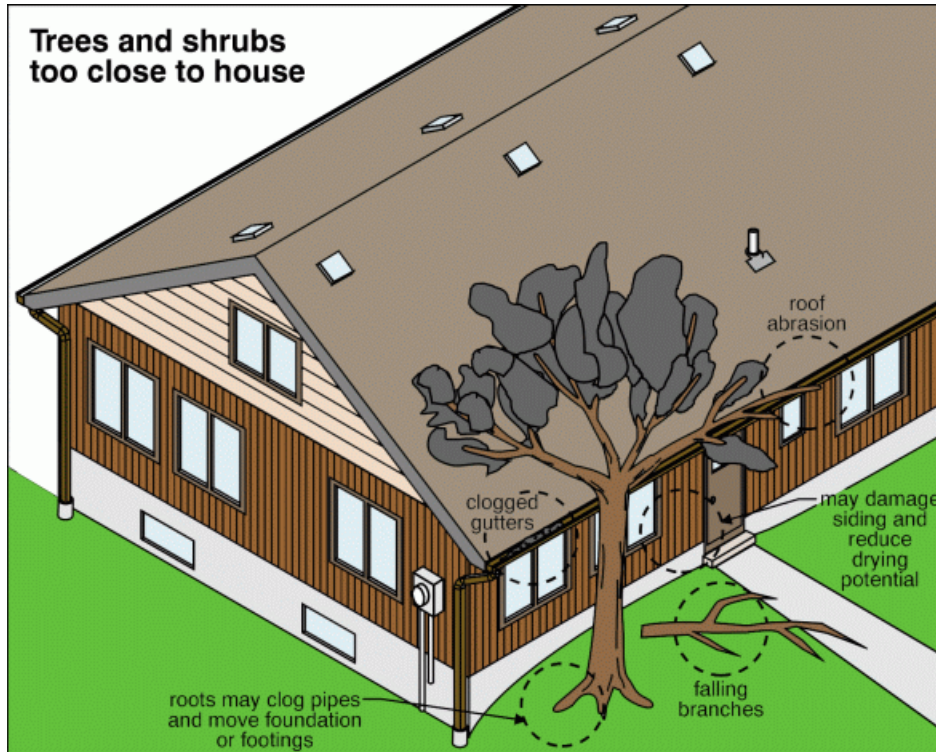
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Time: Before listing or for buyers discretion



Trees too close to building

LANDSCAPING \ Driveway

Condition: • Cracked or damaged surfaces

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Implication(s): Open cracks in the driveway allow water to enter and freeze. This may cause further damage or lifting to the driveway creating a tripping hazard.

Location: Driveway

Task: Seal cracks to prevent water ingress and further damage from freeze/thaw cycles. Monitor for ongoing movement. If movement continues replacement may be necessary.

Time: Ongoing maintenance



Cracked surfaces

Condition: • [Unsealed gap at building](#)

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Carport driveway

Task: Seal gap

Time: Before listing

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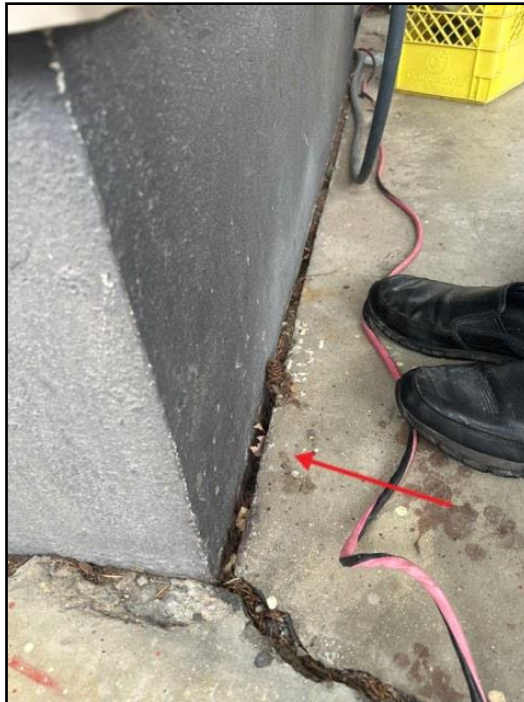
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Unsealed gap at building

Description

Configuration: • [Basement](#)

Foundation material: • Not visible

Floor construction:

• [Joists](#)

Where visible

Exterior wall construction: • Not visible

Roof and ceiling framing: • Rafters

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Attic/roof space: • Inspected from access hatch

Description

Service entrance cable and location:

- [Overhead](#)



Overhead

Service size:

- [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)



100 Amps (240 Volts)

Main disconnect/service box type and location:

- [Breakers - basement](#)



Breakers - basement

System grounding material and type:

- [Copper - water pipe](#)



Copper - water pipe

Distribution wire (conductor) material and type: • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#)

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI):

- [GFCI - bathroom](#)



GFCI - bathroom 1



GFCI - bathroom 2

- No AFCI

Smoke alarms (detectors):

- [Present](#)

Some smoke alarms present.

Carbon monoxide (CO) alarms (detectors):

- Present



CO detector

Inspection Methods and Limitations

System ground: • Continuity not verified

Circuit labels: • The accuracy of the circuit index (labels) was not verified.

Observations and Recommendations

SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Service box

Condition: • [Unprotected openings](#)

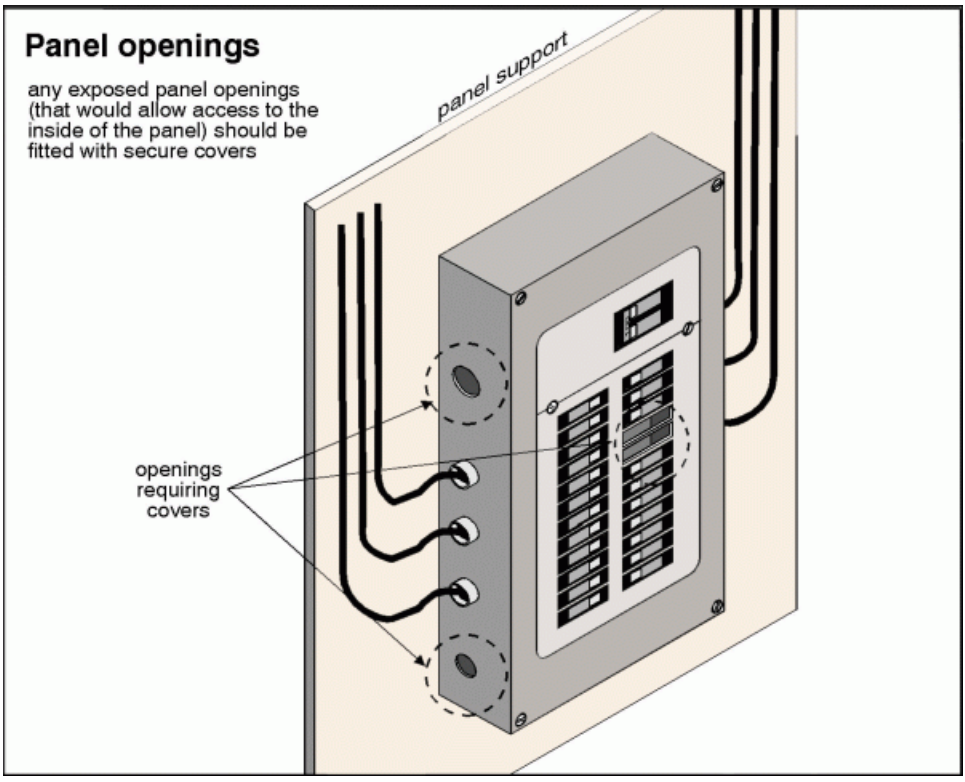
Unprotected opening noted in distribution box

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Distribution box

Task: Repair

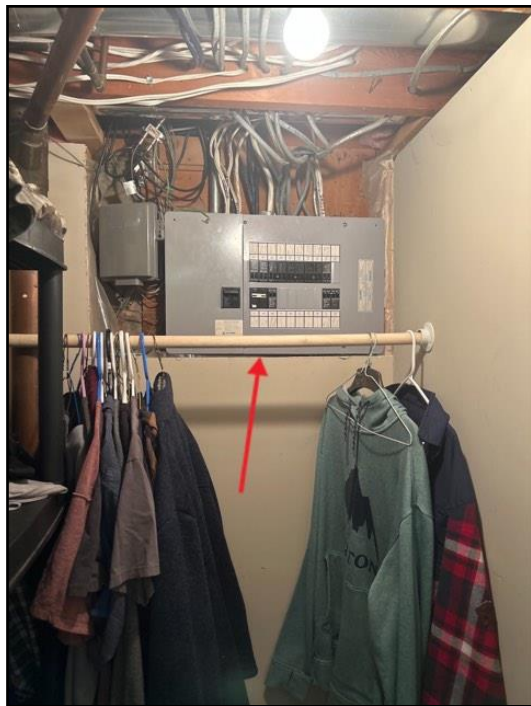
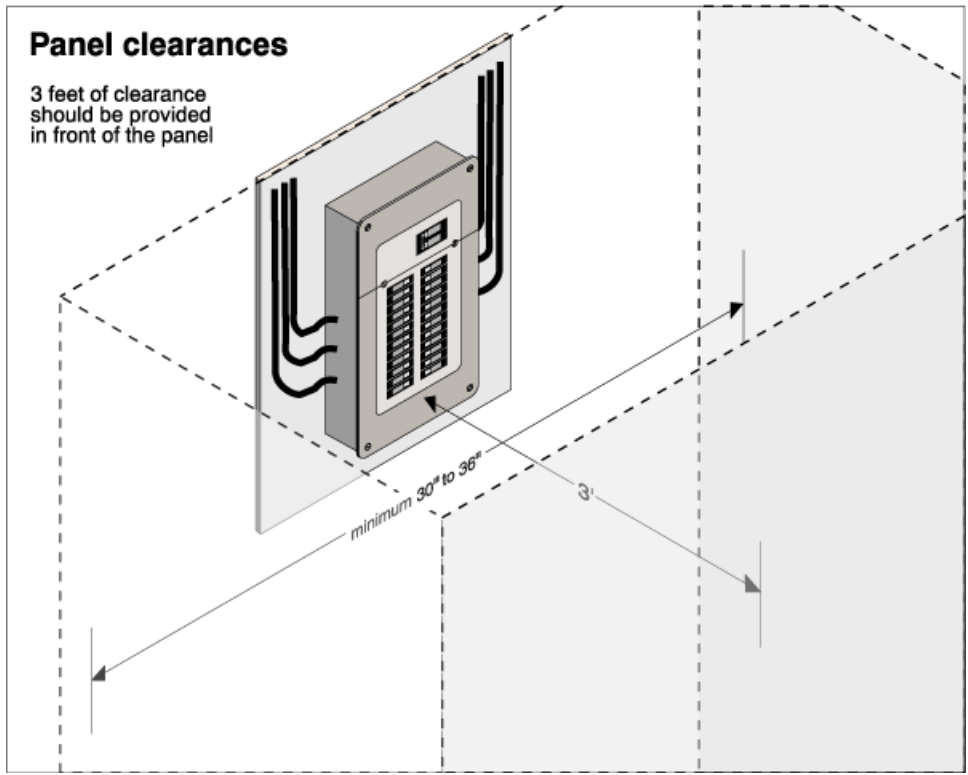
Time: Before listing



Unprotected openings

Condition: • [Poor access](#)
Clothes hanger noted in front of distribution panel
Implication(s): Difficult to service

Location: Electrical room
Task: Remove clothes hanger
Time: Before listing



Poor access

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Wiring (wires) - damaged or exposed

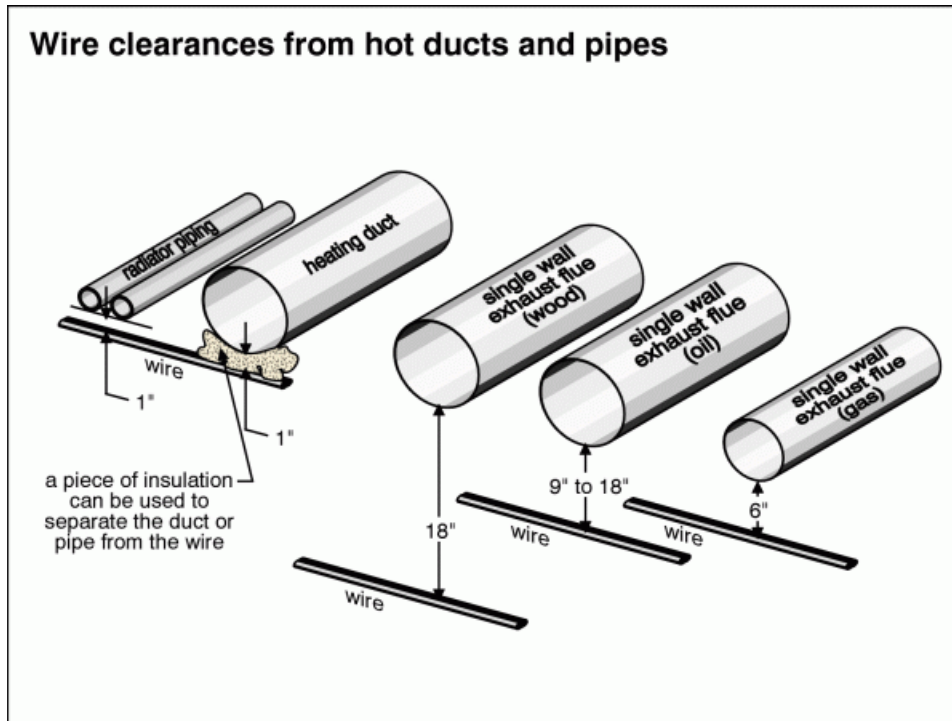
Condition: • [Too close to/touching ducts, pipe, chimneys, etc.](#)

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Electrical room

Task: Improve, Insulation should be placed between wires and ducting.

Time: Before listing



Wires touching ducts

Condition: • [Exposed in attics](#)

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Attic

Task: Improve, Wires should be protected against mechanical damage.

Time: Before listing



Exposed in attics

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

Condition: • [Damage](#)

Damaged face plate noted

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Basement bedroom

Task: Replace

Time: Before listing



Damage

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protection not noted at

Condition: • Kitchen counters

GFCI plugs missing

Location: Around kitchen sink

Task: Recommend improvement and installing GFCI receptacles

Time: Before listing or for buyers discretion



GFCI plugs missing

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Switches

Condition: • [Damage](#)

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Mechanical room

Task: Repair

Time: Before listing



Damage

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Cover plates

Condition: • For junction box is missing

Cover missing

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Mechanical room above water heater

Task: Improve

Time: Before listing



For junction box is missing

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Lights

Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

No bulbs and fluorescent light. Damage on fixture also noted.

Implication(s): Inadequate lighting

Location: Mechanical room

Task: Repair

Time: Before listing



Inoperative

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Missing

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Missing smoke alarms noted

Implication(s): Safety issue

Location: Throughout

Task: Install smoke alarms

Time: Buyers to replace after possession

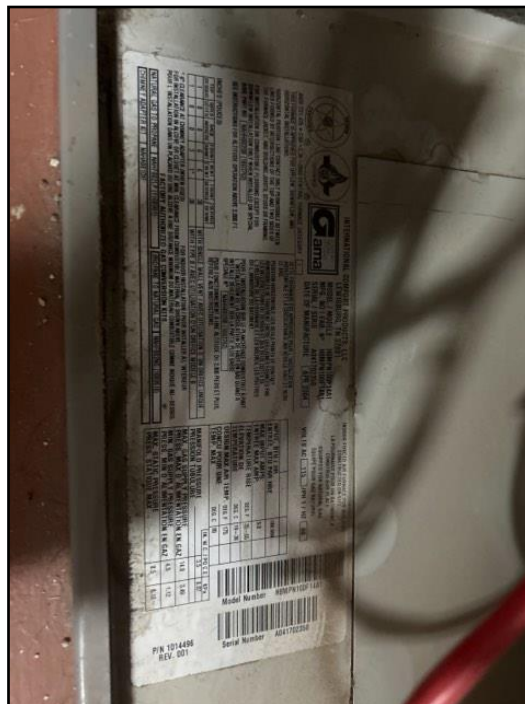
Description

Heating system type:

- [Furnace](#)



Furnace



Data plate

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Approximate capacity: • [100,000 BTU/hr](#)

Efficiency: • [Mid-efficiency](#)

Exhaust venting method: • [Induced draft](#)

Combustion air source: • Interior of building

Approximate age: • [19 years](#)

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (conventional or mid-efficiency) 18 to 25 years

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter

Fireplace/stove:

- [Gas fireplace](#)



Gas fireplace

Location of the thermostat for the heating system:

- Hallway



Thermostat

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection prevented/limited by:

- System was shut off

Pilot light on gas fireplace was not on at time of inspection. Correct operation could not be verified.



System was shut off

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Heat loss calculations

Observations and Recommendations

FURNACE \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Implication(s): Equipment failure | No heat for building

Location: Mechanical room

Task: Engage heating specialist to determine scope and cost of replacement. Anticipate replacement and budget accordingly.

Time: Buyer to address and budget accordingly

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Near end of life expectancy

Description

General: • General attic photos



Attic/roof insulation material: • [Cellulose](#)

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • 10 inches

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Not visible](#)

Attic/roof ventilation: • [Roof and soffit vents](#)

Wall insulation material: • Not visible

Wall insulation amount/value: • Not visible

Wall air/vapor barrier: • Not determined

Mechanical ventilation system for building: • None

There has been no specific automatic air circulation device installed in this home. During heating and cooling seasons you will get fresh air into the home via the fresh air intakes on the HVAC system. During other times of the year, having a bathroom fan come on throughout the day (timer switch can take care of this), programming your thermostat (if possible) to have the furnace fan circulate the air, or opening windows are 3 easy ways to accomplish this.

INSULATION AND VENTILATION

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Inspection Methods and Limitations

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Description

Supply piping in building: • [Copper](#) • [Plastic](#)

Main water shut off valve at the:

- Basement

Inside closet in basement bedroom



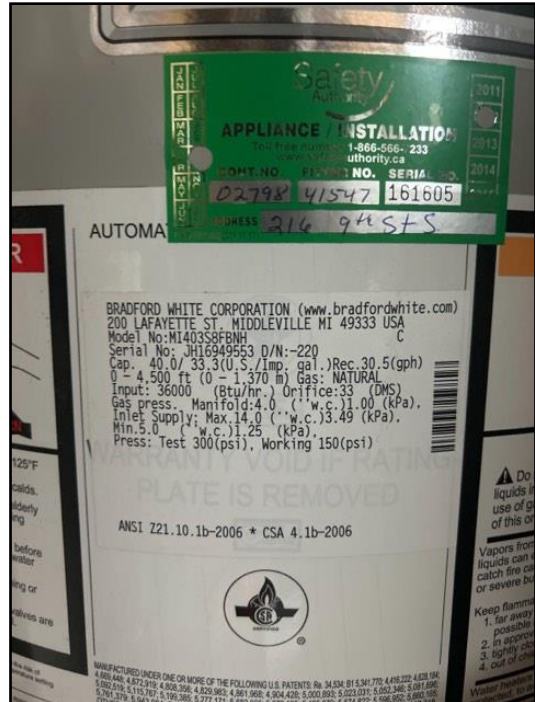
Water shut off

Water heater type:

- [Conventional](#)



Conventional water heater



Data plate

- Tank

Water heater fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Water heater exhaust venting method and combustion air source: • Natural draft

Water heater manufacturer: • House air

Water heater tank capacity: • [40 gallons](#)

Water heater approximate age: • 11 years

Water heater typical life expectancy: • 8 to 12 years

Waste and vent piping in building: • [ABS plastic](#)

Pumps:

- [Sump pump](#)



Sump pump

Floor drain location: • Near laundry area

Gas meter location:

- Exterior rear



Gas meter

Gas piping material: • Steel

Main gas shut off valve location: • Gas meter

Observations and Recommendations

SUPPLY PLUMBING \ Water supply piping in building

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Location: Throughout

Task: Monitor monthly for leaks, should you see any signs of corrosion, drips, or leaks, immediately contact a plumber to repair.

Time: Regular maintenance and inspection required



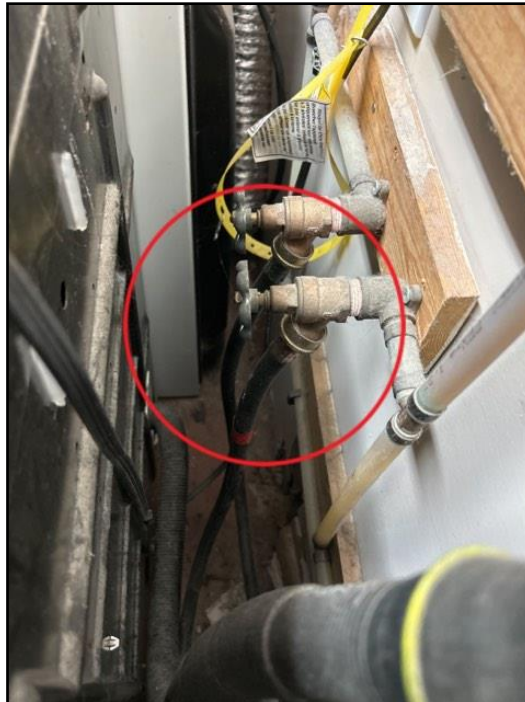
Old copper pipes

Condition: • Older rubber connection lines noted.

Location: Behind washing machine

Task: Install steel braided lines

Time: Before listing or for buyers discretion



Older rubber connection lines noted.

WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

Condition: • [Near end of life expectancy](#)

Water heater is 11 years old

Implication(s): No hot water

Location: Basement mechanical room

Task: Consult with your insurance provider. Engage plumbing contractor to determine cost and scope of replacement. Budget for replacement.

Time: Buyer to address and budget accordingly



Near end of life expectancy

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Faucet

Condition: • [Loose](#)

Loose Fossett noted

Implication(s): Equipment failure

Location: Kitchen

Task: Repair

Time: Before listing



Loose

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Basin, sink and laundry tub

Condition: • Leak

Leak noted on drain

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Laundry sink

Task: Repair

Time: Before listing



Leak

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub

Condition: • [Slow drain](#)

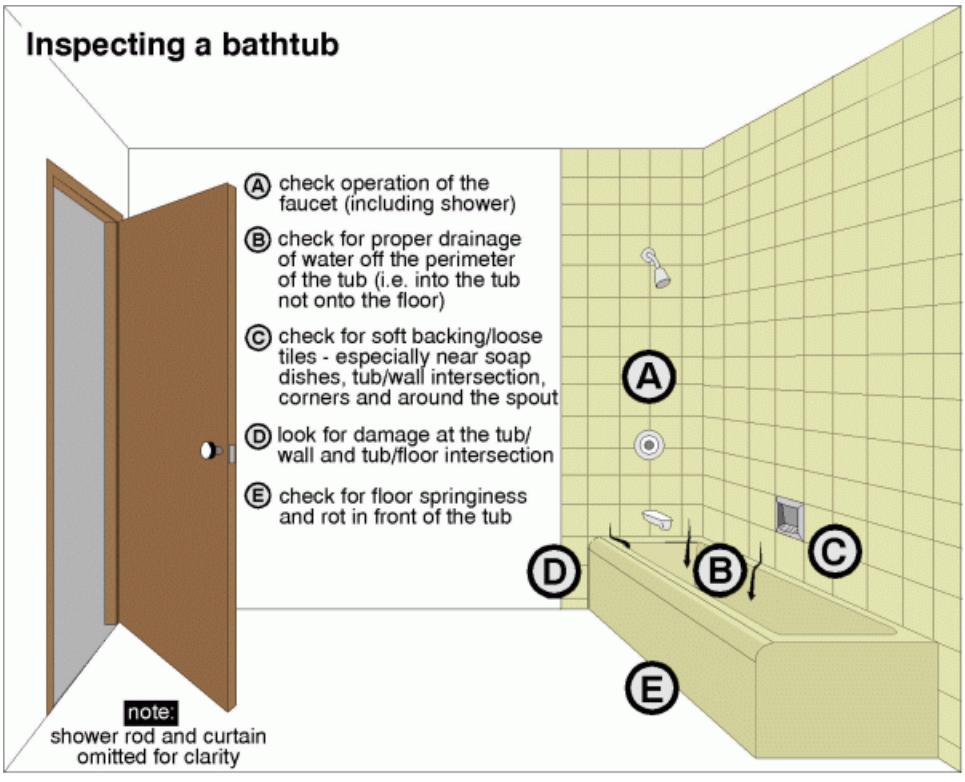
Slow drain noted

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Basement bathroom

Task: Improve

Time: Before listing



Slow drain

Description

General:

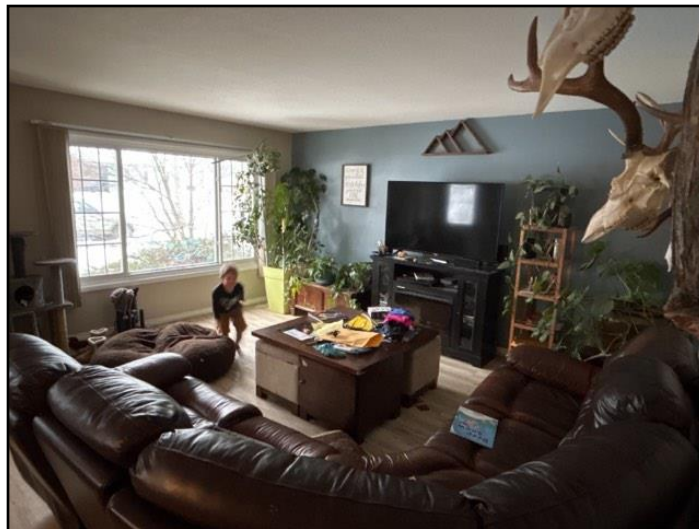
• Homes built prior to 1990 may contain materials that are now considered hazardous. Please visit: www.worksafebc.com to familiarize yourself with safe practises for handling these materials.

- Kitchen



Kitchen

- Living room



Living room

- Bathroom

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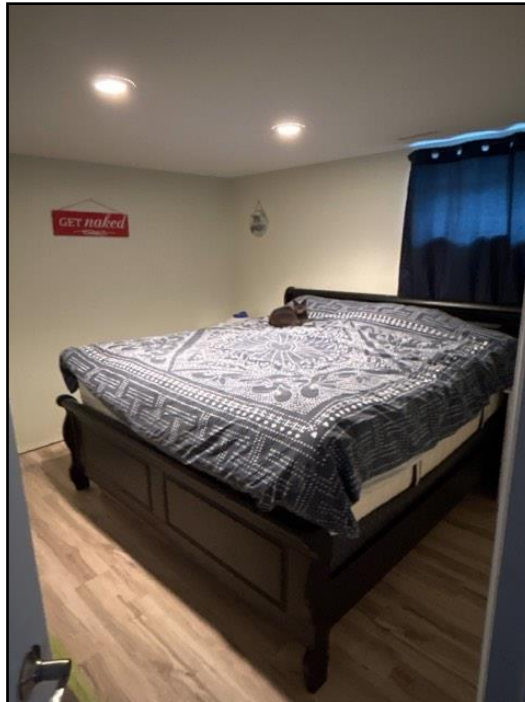
Bathroom 1

- Bathroom



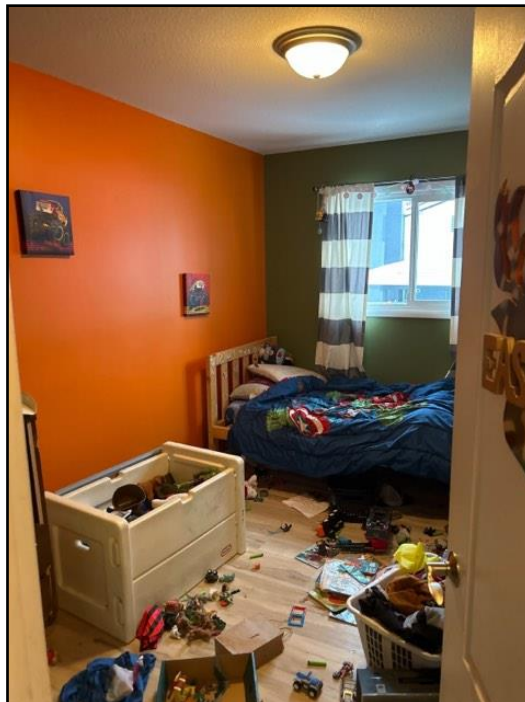
Bathroom 2

- Bedroom



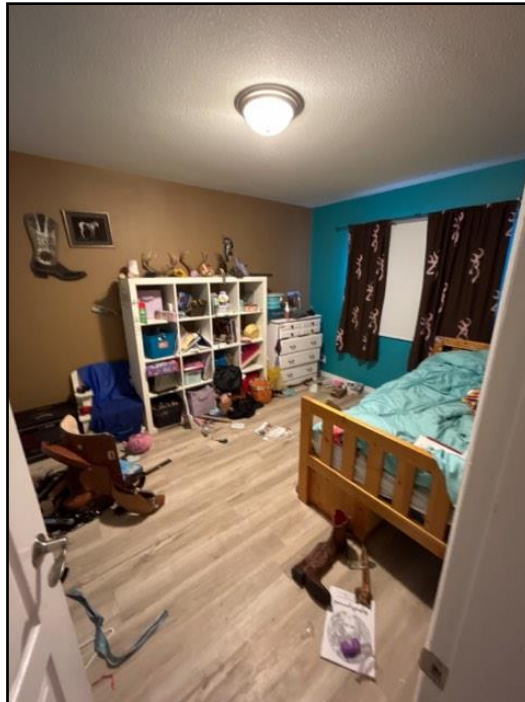
Bedroom 1

- Bedroom



Bedroom 2

- Bedroom



Bedroom 3

- Bedroom



Bedroom 4

Major floor finishes: • [Carpet](#) • Vinyl • Tile

Major wall and ceiling finishes: • [Plaster/drywall](#)

Windows: • [Sliders](#) • Vinyl

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged • Metal-clad

Interior doors - type/material: • Hinged • Wood

Kitchen ventilation:

• Exhaust fan discharges to the exterior



Exhaust fan discharges to the exterior

Bathroom ventilation: • Exhaust fan

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage/furnishings • Storage in closets and cabinets / cupboards

Observations and Recommendations

CEILINGS \ General notes

Condition: • Water stains

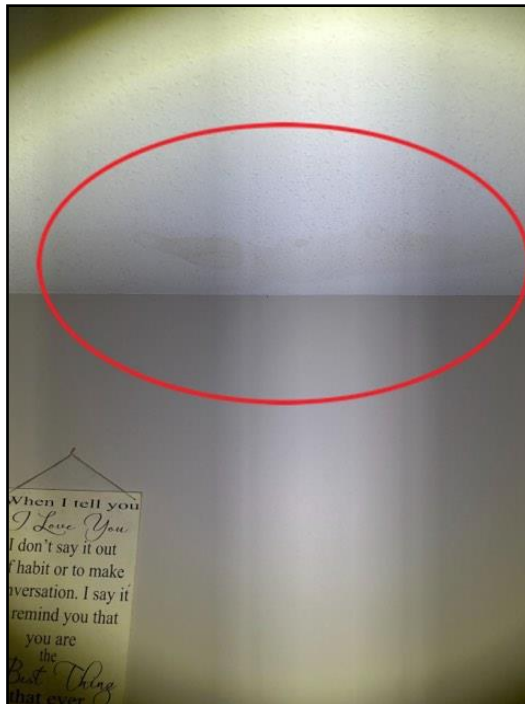
Water stains on ceiling noted but all stains tested dry with the moisture meter at the time of inspection.

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents

Location: Basement

Task: Provide buyer with any leak and repair history. Monitor these areas regularly upon possession for any signs of new or reoccurring leaks. If any signs of leakage occurs immediately contact contractor to repair.

Time: Provide information to buyer. Buyer to monitor.



Water stains

WALLS \ Plaster or drywall

Condition: • Damaged

Minor damage noted

Implication(s): Cosmetic damage

Location: Basement stairs

Task: Repair

Time: Before listing



Damaged

STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

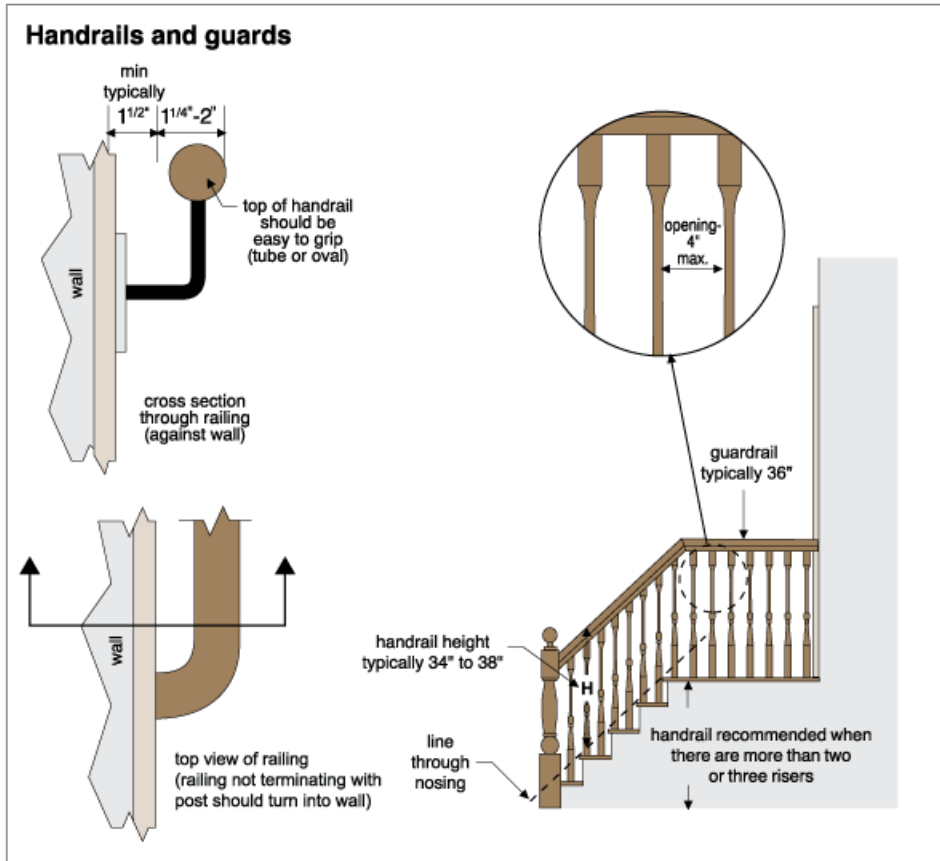
Missing handrail noted

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Basement stairs

Task: Install handrail

Time: Before listing



Missing

INTERIOR

12345 Cranbrook Street, Cranbrook, BC January 5, 2023

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SUMMARY

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EXTERIOR

STRUCTURE

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INTERIOR

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END OF REPORT



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SCOPE OF INSPECTION

The purpose of this Scope of Inspection is to establish a minimum, uniform standard for Home Inspectors Association BC home and property inspector members.

This Scope of Inspection of home inspection identifies the range of services and activities that the licensed members of this profession are educated and legally required to provide. The document describes the professional activities and areas of professional practice. The Scope of Inspection defines the minimum standard of practice for all HIA home inspections in British Columbia. The scope of work of an individual home inspector must meet the requirements outlined in this document but may include additional inspection services where the home inspector is qualified and / or has special knowledge. The scope of the home inspector's review of a home is a contractual matter, therefore, any additional services provided to the client beyond the Scope of Inspection, must be communicated through a contractual agreement with the client.

The working premise of this document is that licensed home inspectors will demonstrate minimum, entry level competencies and will conduct their work competently in a variety of home inspection environments. The practice requirements represent the expectations of a "typical" not an "expert" home inspector. A specialist may be hired to provide additional analysis and opinion of adverse conditions or defects identified, beyond this Scope of Inspection.

A home inspection is a limited, non-invasive, visual examination of the current condition of a residential building. A home inspection is designed to report observed deficiencies within specific systems and components of a home. A home inspection provides a description of the condition of the home based on observation of the visible and apparent condition of the structure and components at the time of the home inspection. A home inspection does not guarantee future condition, efficiency, or life expectancy of systems or components. It is not an inspection to verify compliance with any applicable building codes, municipal bylaws or other regulations. A home inspection will not reveal every problem that exists or could ever exist and is not a technically exhaustive inspection.

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CODE OF ETHICS

Honesty, justice, and courtesy form a moral philosophy which, associated with mutual interest among people, constitutes the foundation of ethics. The members should recognize such a standard, not in passive observance, but as a set of dynamic principles guiding their conduct. It is their duty to practice the profession according to this code of ethics.

As the keystone of professional conduct is integrity, the Members will discharge their duties with fidelity to the public, their clients, and with fairness and impartiality to all. They should uphold the honor and dignity of their profession and avoid association with any enterprise of questionable character, or apparent conflict of interest.

1. The member will express an opinion only when it is based on practical experience and honest conviction.
2. The member will always act in good faith toward each client.
3. The member will not disclose any information concerning the results of the inspection without the approval of the clients or their representatives.
4. The member will not accept compensation, financial or otherwise, from more than one interested party for the same service without the consent of all interested parties.
5. Inspectors shall avoid conflicts of interest or activities that compromise, or appear to compromise, professional independence, objectivity, or inspection integrity.
6. Home inspectors shall not, directly or indirectly compensate, provide or receive a thing of value, inducement or reward:
 - a. to realtors, brokers or other parties having a financial vested interest in the closing or settlement of real estate transactions,
 - b. for the referral of any business to the inspector or the inspection company, or for inclusion on a list of recommended inspectors, preferred providers, or similar arrangements.
7. Members will not use or disclose personal information about clients, home owners, occupants, or the identity of the inspected property or its contents for purposes other than those for which it was collected:
 - a. except with the informed consent of the client, home owner, occupant, or any other person involved in the home inspection, or with the informed consent of all parties affected by the information, or as required by law.
8. The inspection work may not be used as a vehicle by the inspector to deliberately obtain work in another field.
9. An inspector shall make every effort to uphold, maintain, and improve the professional integrity, reputation, and practice of the home inspection profession. He or she will report all such relevant information, including violations of this Code by other members, to the Association for possible remedial action.
10. No member shall be actively engaged as a broker or agent in the sale or purchase of real estate.
11. The Inspectors shall not repair any condition found during an inspection or give cost estimates.
12. Members shall always be objective in their reporting and not knowingly overstate or understate the significance of observed conditions.

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HOME INSPECTORS ASSOCIATION

Introduction

The Home Inspectors Association BC is a not-for-profit professional society established in 1991. Membership in the Home Inspectors Association is voluntary and its members include private, fee-paid home inspectors. The Home Inspectors Association objectives include promotion of excellence within the profession and continual improvement of its members' inspection services to the public.

A **home inspector** shall **inspect readily accessible, visually Observable, installed systems and components** of a residential building using **typical fixed operational controls** and **report identifiable deficiencies of specific systems and components** therein including:

1. Exterior Systems
2. Roofing, Flashings, Penetrations and Chimneys
3. Structural Systems
4. Plumbing Systems
5. Electrical Systems
6. Interior components
7. Heating, Ventilation and Cooling (HVAC) Systems
8. Fireplaces and Solid Fuel Burning Appliances
9. Insulation and Ventilation of Attics, Crawlspace and Unfinished Basements

Home Inspection Report

Inspections shall be accompanied by a documented report that:

1. Describes readily accessible systems and components of a residential building and their condition.
2. Makes recommendations on significant deficiencies identified for each system or component that is included in the inspection
3. Provides information regarding potential impact if the issues are not addressed
4. And includes anything else that is made part of the inspection in accordance with this Scope of Inspection and a home inspection contract

General Home Inspection Inclusions (applicable to all components)

Home inspectors are required to:

1. Inspect readily accessible, visually observable, installed systems & components of residential buildings using typical fixed operational controls
2. Describe and report systems or components with significant deficiencies or damage including, but not limited to, inadequate performance, missing components, decay, rot, water issues, or other home inspection concerns.
3. Describe and report deficiencies that are evident by means of sight, touch, smell and hearing
4. Describe and report items that pose an imminent health or safety concern in the opinion of the home inspector
5. Describe and report items for which a representative sample was inspected, including a description of the sampling process
6. Describe and report the rationale for exclusion and limitation to the inspection of any system, component, procedure or method included in this Scope of Inspection
7. Recommend further evaluation or investigation by a Qualified Professional where:
 - a. conditions are identified that may constitute a hazard to occupants
 - b. conditions and systems and components exceed the collective knowledge and training of the home inspector in the opinion of the home inspector
8. Include in the report, documentation of evidence, such as supporting images (such as photographs or sketches) to provide information regarding observed deficiencies, where deemed appropriate by the home inspector
9. Produce the report in writing.
10. Include in the report the significant components that appear to be at or near the end of their normally expected service life.

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General Home Inspection Exclusions (applicable to all components)

Home inspectors are **NOT** required to:

1. Predict the probability of failure or remaining service life of any system or component or offer any warranty, guarantee or certifications for any system or component
2. Describe the compliance with regulatory requirements (codes, regulations, laws, ordinances, etc.)
3. Estimate the cost for operation of a particular system or component and / or the cost of remediation of any identified conditions
4. Identify the cause(s) of observed conditions or deficiencies
5. Identify the methods, materials and cost(s) for correcting (repairing or replacing) observed conditions
6. Identify the condition of systems or components that are inaccessible, obstructed, hidden or contain latent defects
7. Identify the presence of any potential hazards including, but not limited to, asbestos, mould, PCB, infestations of vermin and wood destroying organisms, carcinogens, radon gas, lead paint, urea formaldehyde, toxic or flammable chemicals, noise, and contaminants in soil, water and air
8. Describe the adequacy, effectiveness, or efficiency of any system or component
9. Inspect common areas in multi-unit housing
10. Inspect systems and components that are not installed
11. Inspect decorative items
12. Operate any system or component that is shut down or that does not turn on with the use of typical fixed operational controls
13. Inspect underground items whether abandoned or active including, but not limited to, storage tanks and / or indications of their presence
14. Offer any advice regarding the purchase of the property
15. Enter an area or perform an inspection procedure or method in the opinion of the home inspector, could be dangerous to the home inspector or cause damage to the property or its systems or components, such as, but not limited to walking on roof surfaces, climbing ladders, entering attic spaces, etc.
16. Move items, contents, debris, soil, snow, ice or other equipment or dismantle any system or component that obstructs access or visibility for the home inspection
17. Review third-party reports including, but not limited to, depreciation reports and engineering reports
18. Identify and report any geological, geotechnical or hydrological conditions
19. Identify every problem that exists or could ever exist and report a technically exhaustive inspection

This Scope of Inspection is not required to limit inspectors from:

- A. Including other inspection services in addition to those required by this Scope of Inspection provided the inspector is appropriately qualified to do so.
- B. Excluding systems and components from the inspection if requested by the client or as dictated by circumstances at the time of the inspection.

The Home Inspectors Association Scope of Inspection applies to inspections of part or all of a building for the following building types:

1. single family dwelling, detached, semi-detached, or row house
2. multi-unit residential building
3. residential building held in divided or undivided co- ownership
4. residential building occupied in part for residential occupancy and in part for a commercial occupancy, as long as the latter use does not exceed 40% of the building's total area, excluding the basement.

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1. EXTERIOR SYSTEMS

1.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. exterior wall covering(s), flashing and trim.
2. all exterior doors.
3. attached or adjacent decks, balconies, steps, porches, and the associated railings.
4. the eaves, soffits, and fascias where accessible from the ground level.
5. vegetation, grading, surface drainage on the property when any of these are likely to adversely affect the building.
6. walkways, patios, and driveways leading to dwelling entrances.
7. landscaping structure attached or adjacent to the building when likely to adversely affect the building.
8. primary garage or carport attached or detached.
9. garage doors and garage door operators.

B. describe

1. exterior wall covering(s).

C. report:

1. the method(s) used to inspect the exterior wall elevations.

1.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect:

1. screening, shutters, awnings, and similar seasonal accessories.
2. fences.
3. geological, geotechnical or hydrological conditions.
4. recreational facilities.
5. outbuildings.
6. seawalls, break-walls, dykes and docks.
7. erosion control and earth stabilization measures.

2. ROOF SYSTEMS

2.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. readily accessible roof coverings.
2. readily accessible roof drainage systems.
3. readily accessible flashings.
4. readily accessible skylights, chimneys, and roof penetrations.

B. describe

1. the roof covering and report the method(s) used to inspect the roof

C. report

1. the method(s) used to inspect the roof(s).

2.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect:

1. antennae and satellite dishes.
2. interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible.
3. other installed accessories. items attached to but not related to the roof system(s).

3. STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS

3.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. structural components including visible foundation and framing.
2. by probing a sample of structural components where deterioration is suspected or where clear indications of possible deterioration exist. Probing is NOT required when probing would damage any finished surface or where no deterioration is visible.

B. describe:

1. foundation(s)
2. floor structure(s).
3. wall structure(s).
4. ceiling structure(s).
5. roof structure(s).

C. report:

1. on conditions limiting access to structural components.
2. methods used to inspect the under-floor crawl space.
3. methods used to inspect the attic(s).

3.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

- A. provide any engineering service or architectural service.
- B. offer an opinion as to the adequacy of any structural system or component.

4. PLUMBING SYSTEMS

4.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. interior water supply and distribution systems including all fixtures and faucets.
2. drain, waste and vent systems including all fixture
3. water heating equipment and associated venting systems, flues & chimneys.
4. fuel storage and fuel distribution systems.
5. drainage sumps, sump pumps, and related piping.

B. describe:

1. water supply, distribution, drain, waste, and vent piping materials.
2. water heating equipment including the energy source.
3. location of main water and main fuel shut-off valves.

4.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect:

1. clothes washing machine connections.
2. the interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible
3. wells, well pumps, or water storage related equipment.
4. water conditioning systems.
5. solar water heating systems.
6. fire and lawn sprinkler systems.
7. private waste disposal systems.

B. determine:

1. whether water supply and waste disposal systems are public or private.
2. the quantity or quality of the water supply.

C. operate:

1. safety valves or shut-off valves.

5. ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS

5.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. service drop.
2. service entrance conductors, cables, and raceways.
3. service equipment and main disconnects.
4. service grounding.
5. interior components of service panels and sub panels.
6. distribution conductors.
7. overcurrent protection devices.
8. a representative number of installed lighting fixtures, switches, and receptacles.
9. the ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) (if appropriate).
10. arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI) (if appropriate).

B. describe:

1. amperage and voltage rating of the service.
2. location of main disconnect(s) and subpanel(s).
3. wiring methods.

C. report:

1. presence of solid conductor aluminum branch circuit wiring.
2. absence of carbon monoxide detectors (if applicable).
3. absence of smoke detectors.
4. presence of ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI).
5. presence of arc fault circuit interrupters (AFCI).

5.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect

1. remote control devices unless the device is the only control device.
2. alarm systems and components.
3. low voltage wiring, systems and components.
4. ancillary wiring, systems and components not a part of the primary electrical power distribution system.
5. telecommunication equipment.

B. measure:

1. amperage, voltage, or impedance.

6. INTERIOR

6.1 The inspector shall:

A.inspect:

1. walls, ceilings, and floors.
2. steps, stairways, and railings.
3. countertops and a representative number of installed cabinets.
4. a representative number of doors and windows.
5. walls, doors and ceiling separating the habitable spaces and the garage.

B.describe:

1. materials used for walls, ceilings and floors.
2. doors.
3. windows.

C.report:

1. absence or ineffectiveness of guards and handrails or other potentially physical injury hazards.

6.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A.inspect:

1. paint, wallpaper, and other finish treatments.
2. carpeting.
3. window treatments.
4. central vacuum systems.
5. household appliances.
6. recreational facilities.

7. HEATING, VENTILATION & COOLING (HVAC) SYSTEMS

7.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. readily accessible components of installed heating, central and through wall cooling equipment.
2. vent systems, flues, and chimneys.
3. fuel storage and fuel distribution systems.

B. describe:

1. energy source(s).
2. heating and/or cooling method(s) by distinguishing characteristics.
3. chimney(s) and/or venting material(s).
4. the combustion air sources.
5. the exhaust venting methods (naturally aspirated, induced draft, direct vent, direct vent sealed combustion).

7.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect:

1. interiors of flues or chimneys which are not readily accessible.
2. heat exchanger.
3. humidifier or dehumidifier auxiliary equipment.
4. electronic air filters.
5. solar heating systems.

B. determine:

1. system adequacy or distribution balance.

8. FIREPLACES AND SOLID FUEL BURNING APPLIANCES

(Unless prohibited by the authority having jurisdiction)

8.1 The inspector shall:

A. inspect:

1. system components
2. vent systems and chimneys

B. describe:

1. fireplaces and solid fuel burning appliances
2. chimneys

8.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A. inspect:

1. interior of flues or chimneys
2. screens, doors and dampers
3. seals and gaskets
4. automatic fuel feed devices
5. heat distribution assists whether fan assisted or gravity

B. ignite or extinguish fires

C. determine draught characteristics

D. move fireplace inserts, stoves, or firebox contents

9. INSULATION and VENTILATION of ATTICS, CRAWLSPACES AND UNFINISHED BASEMENTS

9.1 The inspector shall:

A.inspect:

- 1.insulation and vapor retarders in unfinished spaces.
- 2.ventilation of attics and foundation areas.
- 3.mechanical ventilation systems.
- 4.ventilation systems in areas such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundry areas where moisture is generated.

B.describe:

- 1.type of insulation and vapour retarders in unfinished spaces.
- 2.ventilation of attics and foundation areas.
- 3.mechanical ventilation systems.
- 4.ventilation systems in areas such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundry areas where moisture is generated.

C.report:

- 1.absence of insulation in unfinished spaces at conditioned surfaces.
- 2.absence of ventilation in areas where moisture is generated such as kitchens, bathrooms and laundry rooms.

9.2 The inspector is NOT required to:

A.disturb insulation or vapor retarders.

B.determine indoor air quality.

C.determine system adequacy or distribution balance.

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GLOSSARY

Adjacent

Nearest in space or position; immediately adjoining without intervening space.

Alarm Systems

Warning devices, installed or free-standing, including but not limited to; carbon monoxide detectors, flue gas and other spillage detectors, security equipment, ejector pumps and smoke alarms.

Architectural Service

Any practice involving the art and science of building design for construction of any structure or grouping of structures and the use of space within and surrounding the structures or the design for construction, including but not specifically limited to, schematic design, design development, preparation of construction contract documents, and administration of the construction contract, adequacy of design for the location and exposure to the elements.

Automatic Safety Controls

Devices designed and installed to protect systems and components from unsafe conditions.

Component

A part of a system.

Confined Spaces

An enclosed or partially enclosed area that:

1. Is occupied by people only for the purpose of completing work.
2. Has restricted entry/exit points.
3. Could be hazardous to people entering due to:
 - a. its design, construction, location or atmosphere.
 - b. the materials or substances in it, or
 - c. any other conditions which prevent normal inspection procedure.

Decorative

Ornamental; not required for the operation of the essential systems and components of a building.

Describe

To report a system or component by its type or other observed, significant characteristics to distinguish it from other systems or components.

Determine

To find out; or come to a conclusion by investigation.

Dismantle

To take apart or remove any component, device, or piece of equipment that would not be taken apart or removed by a homeowner in the course of normal and routine home owner maintenance.

Engineering Service

Any professional service or creative work requiring engineering education, training, and experience and the application of special knowledge of the mathematical, physical and engineering sciences to such professional service or creative work as consultation, investigation, evaluation, planning, design and supervision of construction for the purpose of assuring compliance with the specifications and design, in conjunction with structures, buildings, machines, equipment, works or processes.

Functionality

The purpose that something is designed or expected to fulfill.

Further Evaluation

Examination and analysis by a qualified professional, tradesman or service technician beyond that provided by the home inspection.

Home Inspection

The process by which an inspector visually examines the readily accessible systems and components of a building and which describes those systems and components in accordance with this Scope of Inspection.

Household Appliances

Kitchen, laundry, and similar appliances, whether installed or freestanding.

Inspect

To examine readily accessible systems and components of a building in accordance with these Scope of Inspection, where applicable using normal operating controls and opening readily openable access panels.

Inspector

A person hired to examine any system or component of a building in accordance with this Scope of Inspection.

Installed

Set up or fixed in position for current use or service.

Monitor

Examine at regular intervals to detect evidence of change.

Normal Operating Controls

Devices such as thermostats, switches or valves intended to be operated by the homeowner.

Operate

To cause to function, turn on, to control the function of a machine, process, or system.

Probing

Examine by touch.

Readily Accessible

Available for visual inspection without requiring moving of personal property, dismantling, destructive measures, or any action which will likely involve risk to persons or property.

Readily Openable Access Panel

A panel provided for homeowner inspection and maintenance that is within normal reach, can be removed by one person, and is not sealed in place.

Recreational Facilities

Spas, saunas, steam baths, swimming pools, exercise, entertainment, athletic, playground or other similar equipment and associated accessories.

Report

To communicate in writing.

Representative Number

One component per room for multiple similar interior components such as windows and electric outlets; one component on each side of the building for multiple similar exterior components.

Roof Drainage Systems

Components used to carry water off a roof and away from a building.

Sample

A representative portion selected for inspection.

Service Life/Lives

The period during which something continues to function fully as intended.

Significant Deficiency

A clearly definable hazard or a clearly definable potential for failure or is unsafe or not functioning.

Shut Down

A state in which a system or component cannot be operated by normal operating controls.

Solid Fuel Burning Appliances

A hearth and fire chamber or similar prepared place in which a fire may be built and which is built in conjunction with a chimney; or a listed assembly of a fire chamber, its chimney and related factory-made parts designed for unit assembly without requiring field construction.

Structural Component

A component that supports non-variable forces or weights (dead loads) and variable forces or weights (live loads).

System

A combination of interacting or interdependent components, assembled to carry out one or more functions.

Technically Exhaustive

An inspection is technically exhaustive when it is done by a specialist who may make extensive use of measurements, instruments, testing, calculations, and other means to develop scientific or engineering findings, conclusions, and recommendations.

Under-floor Crawl Space

The area within the confines of the foundation and between the ground and the underside of the floor.

Unsafe

A condition in a readily accessible, installed system or component which is judged to be a significant risk of personal injury during normal, day-to-day use. The risk may be due to damage, deterioration, missing or improper installation.

Vapour Barrier

Material used in the building envelope to retard the passage of water vapour or moisture.

Visually Accessible

Able to be viewed by reaching or entering.

Wiring Methods

Identification of electrical conductors or wires by their general type, such as "non-metallic sheathed cable" ("Romex"), "armored cable" ("bx") or "knob and tube", etc.

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