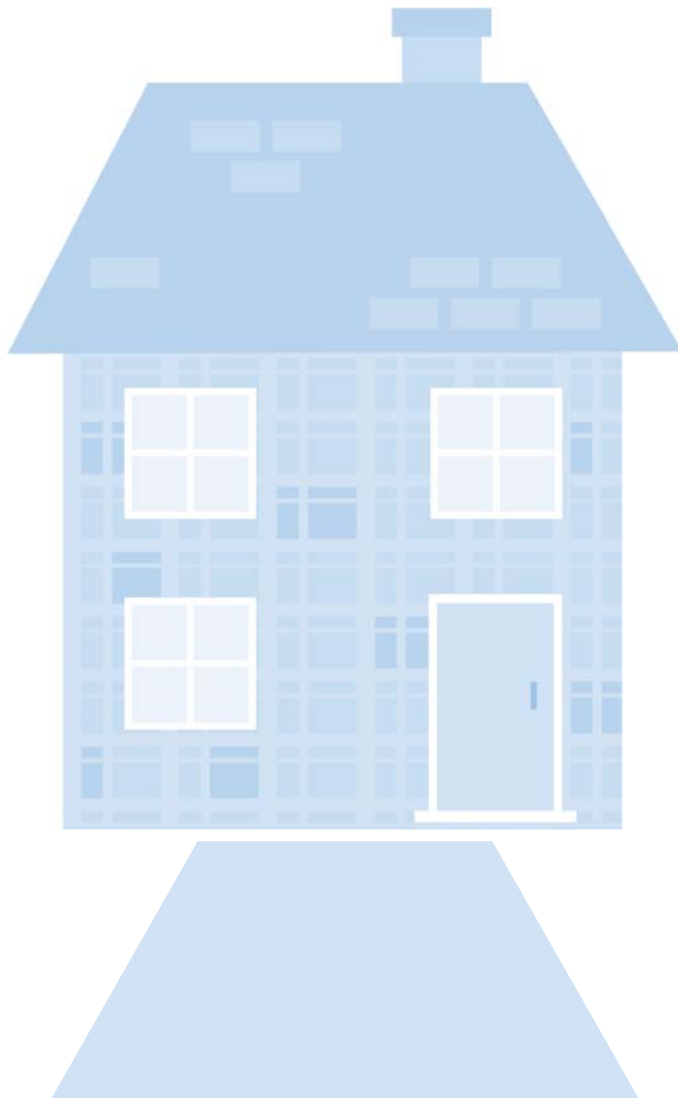


Before you purchase a house, it's a really good idea to have your home inspected. Home inspectors complete training and certifications to examine the condition of a home top to bottom. This provides the buyer with information concerning the structure of the home as well as potential future maintenance and upkeep. Here are some things that an inspector will look at during his visit. Please note that home inspectors will not be able to examine areas that are concealed from view that includes walls, furnishings, flooring and soils. Weather can also affect the ability to inspect certain things. This should be discussed with the home inspector.



EXTERIOR

The inspector will look for damaged or missing siding, cracks, downspouts, proper grading, chimneys, porches, walkways and the foundation of the home.



ROOF

The inspector will determine the estimated age of the roof, and examine the shingles, gutters, flashings and vents.



PLUMBING

Your faucets, showers, drains, water heater, sump pumps, pipes and shut off valve will all be examined.



ELECTRICAL

The inspector will identify the wiring, test outlets, and check your electrical panel.



HVAC

The estimated age of the furnace/air conditioner will be determined. The insulation, ducts, vents will all be checked.



INTERIOR

Walls, ceilings, floors, windows, doors, stairs and railings will all be examined.