



How to Hire the “Right” Home Inspector: **Get Sherlock Holmes - not Mr. Magoo!**

Is your home inspector checking everything and going the “extra mile” for you, to get to the bottom of things?

What should you ask to make sure that you're dealing with a true professional, before it's too late:

Do you have good references?

Always check references directly and check they were very pleased with the services and would recommend the home inspector to friends /family. Don't rely on testimonials without verifying that the clients listed are real people.

Which Professional Home Inspection Associations do you belong to & What Standards do you meet?

Call and verify they are a long-standing member of professional associations. In BC, all home inspectors must be licensed, insured and a member of an association. Don't assume all inspectors are competent and legally permitted to practice.

Would you send over a Service Agreement in Advance, Listing “Everything” you will check?

Some home inspectors take the time to check everything and some cut corners. If they don't have a long and detailed list (*including the roof, attic, crawl space, etc.*) then you'll want to hire somebody else.

How Much Time will the Home Inspection Take?

A super quick inspection is an obvious Mr. Magoo trick, lazily glancing around and ticking boxes without taking the time to look closely at the details. Great home inspectors are like detectives “Sherlock Homes”, tirelessly hunting for clues. (*Less than 3-4 hour Inspection for a House, watch out!*)

Can I Come Along on the Home Inspection?

Great home inspectors love to answer questions and take time to explain everything clearly, so their clients leave with knowledge and are satisfied. They care about what is important to you and they don't barrage you with confusing jargon. If they don't want you to be there on inspection day, it's a **red flag**.