

Checklist – Visiting an open home

Here's a list of things to look out for during your visits,, but remember this checklist isn't a substitute for professional advice. Always get a registered building inspector to check the home before making an offer.

Inside the home

- ☐ Ask if the home has ceiling and floor insulation
- ☐ Bathroom and kitchen extractor fans and any other ventilation sources are in working order
- ☐ Heating sources are present and in working order
- ☐ Windows are double-glazed
- ☐ Carpets and other flooring are in good condition and flush with walls
- ☐ Doors are in good condition, open and shut correctly and are flush with their frames
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- ☐ Power points are connected and working
- ☐ Lighting fixtures are connected and working
- ☐ Stove, oven and any other cooking facilities are connected and working
- ☐ Kitchen taps are working with no leaks and have suitable pressure
- ☐ Bathroom taps, shower and bath are working with no leaks and have suitable pressure
- ☐ Bedroomshave wardrobes or other storage
- ☐ Hallway has suitable storage
- ☐ Garage (if applicable) has suitable storage
- ☐ All locks on external doors are working properly
- ☐ All windows have security latches or stays
- ☐ Any damage in all rooms
- ☐ The home is free of visible mould, odours and smoking stains

Outside the home

- ☐ External walls are free of cracks or damage and paint is in a suitable condition
- ☐ The roof and drainpipes are free of damage and paint is in a suitable condition
- ☐ Pathways and paving are in a suitable condition
- ☐ Lawns and garden are in a suitable condition
- ☐ Any other outdoor structures like decks or patios are in a suitable condition
- ☐ Underfloor insulation is present and the area is dry
- ☐ Drains and gutters are free of any damage or blockages
- ☐ Retaining walls are free of any cracks, damage or bowing

Surrounding area

- ☐ There is suitable parking on the property and/or in the street
- ☐ Any shared spaces (where applicable) like pools, gyms or garden spaces are suitable and well maintained
- ☐ Neighbourhood access to healthcare, public transport and other needs

Property address:
