

# Questions to Ask before Hiring a Home Inspector

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1. **Is the inspector a licensed builder?** Please verify the builder is licensed at: <https://www2.dleg.state.mi.us/colaLicVerify> **THIS IS IMPORTANT:** The state can only offer protection towards consumer only if inspector is licensed through the state. *(State of Michigan has no licensing requirements for home inspectors)* **The truth is, anyone can legally inspect your home in the state of Michigan!**
2. **Is the inspector a member of a certified organization?** Check with (NACHI) <http://www.nachi.org> *(Other organizations are simply fee paid void of mandated testing and continuing education)*
3. **Is the inspector certified in foundations?** *This is the most important feature of a dwelling.* Ask inspector the difference between a vertical, horizontal or diagonal foundation wall crack.
4. **Is the inspector certified in code requirements, minimum property standards and safety issues?** *All home inspectors should be certified for the safety and benefit of the consumer.*
5. **Is the inspector a member of BBB?** (Better Business Bureau) **All home inspectors should be listed with the BBB for consumer protection!** Do a google search under BBB. *(Qualified home inspectors should have an A+ rating)*
6. **Does the inspector have a web site?** *This helps identify (not guarantee) to consumer's inspector holds himself out to the world as a home inspector.*
7. **Is the inspector licensed through HUD/FHA/VA and is his company recognized with lending institutions?** Verification can be found at: <https://entp.hud.gov/idapp/html/insplook.cfm>
8. **Does the inspector do home inspections full time and how long in business?** *Part time home inspectors should never be hired or trusted to perform any home inspection.*
9. **What credentials warrant the inspector to perform home inspections?** **Example:** *Does inspector or did inspector write for a newspaper or publish articles regarding the home inspection or housing industry?*

**Homebuyer's should ask these (9) paramount questions prior to hiring a person to inspect the home you and your family intend to occupy.**

**CONTACT ME IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS!  
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Thank you  
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