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For the Property at:

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CLEVELAND HTS, OH

Prepared for: CHARLES ********
Inspection Date: Monday, June 8, 2009
Prepared by: John Cundiff





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Dear Charles *******,
RE: Report No. 1123, v.3
Cleveland Hts, OH
44106

Thank you for choosing HomeWise Building Inspection Services to perform your Home Inspection. We trust the experience was both useful and enjoyable.

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Thanks again for allowing us to work with you.

Sincerely,

John Cundiff on behalf of HomeWise Building Inspection Services



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Client: Charles *******

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on: Monday, June 8, 2009

General Home Inspection 4200 sf \$420.00

Radon test with Home Inspection \$125.00

Subtotal \$545.00 Ohio \$42.24 Sales

Tax

Total \$587.24

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The "bottom line" contains those items I feel may most affect your purchase and ownership of this home. The "bottom line" is not a summary of the entire report. Please read the entire report. Links are highlighted in blue. Follow these links for more information on the specific issue. Also- a complete reference guide is included in the appendix at the end of the report. Refer to this section for concise answers and illustrations of many home maintenance and construction issues.

The roof has been repaired and will likely require ongoing maintenance. The chimney and valley flashings have also been repaired and may soon require replacement.

The rubber roof must be repaired before the membrane is torn from the parapets.

The structural issues noted in the front corners is difficult to gauge. I am unable to determine with any certainty if the movement has ceased or if it may be ongoing. The ongoing deterioration around the basement stairwell is troubling because the further the spalling occurs, the more rapidly new deterioration will occur.

The boiler is almost 30 years old. With a life expectancy of 30 - 40 years, the boiler may require replacement in the coming years.

Exterior

Walls \ Brick, stone and concrete

Condition: • Spalling

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Basement

Task: Repair

Time: As soon as possible Cost: \$1000 - \$2000

Note: The masonry within the basement stairwell is severely spalling. If the conditions supporting spalling are not corrected, the deterioration will accelerate. Once deteriorated masonry is repaired, steps should be taken to limit moisture collection and absorption.

Structure

Walls \ Solid masonry walls

Condition: • Cracked

Implication(s): Weakened structure
Location: Front Exterior Wall

Task: Further evaluation

Time: Immediate

Cost: Depends on approach

Note: The masonry wing wall is cracked and sinking. Mortar has been repaired, though it is not possible to determine if the footer has been replaced or underpinned. Request specific disclosure from owner. Consult masonry contractor for further evaluation and repair.

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Electrical

Distribution system \ Outlets

Condition: • Ground Fault Interrupter Receptacles should replace existing receptacles the following areas: Anywhere on a kitchen counter top AND within 6' of the kitchen sink; anywhere in a bathroom, including light fixtures or med cabs (or terminate); anywhere in an unfinished basement; anywhere in a garage; anywhere on the exterior.

Implication(s): Electric shock hazard

Location: Throughout

Task: Repair Time: Immediate

Cost: \$25 - \$50 Each location

Heating

General

· Abandoned boiler

Implication(s): Nuisance, possible asbestos hazard

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Remove

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: Unknown, likely to be expensive

Gas steam boiler \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Near end of life expectancy

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

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Replace Time: Unpredictable

Cost: \$4,000 - \$7,000

Gas steam boiler \ Distribution pipes and radiators

Condition: • Steam distribution piping throughout basement is insulated with materials likely to contain asbestos.

Insulation is damaged and friable in many areas.

Implication(s): Health hazard Location: Throughout basement

Task: Further evaluation, Remove / repair

Time: Immediate Cost: \$1000 - \$3000

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Interior

Ceilings \ Plaster or drywall

Condition: • Sag

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of movement

Location: First Floor Powder Room

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$300 - \$600

Note: Ceiling threatens collapse. Safety hazard.

Basement \ Wet basement - evidence

Condition: • Stains

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Throughout basement and crawlspace

Task: Monitor / Repair

Time: Ongoing / Discretionary Cost: Depends on approach

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Description

Sloped: • Slate

Flat: • Synthetic rubber

Probability of leakage: • Medium

Limitations

Inspection performed:

· By walking on roof

Note: Flats With binoculars Note: Slopes

Findings

Sloped roofing \ Asphalt shingles

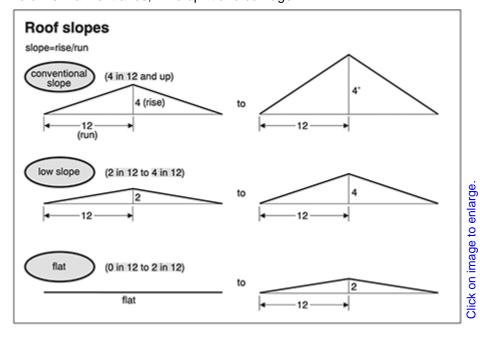
Condition: • Slope too low

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

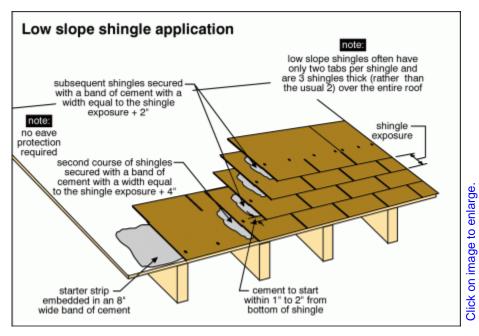
Location: Rear Task: Monitor / repair

Time: Ongoing

Note: Vulnerable to wind driven rain entrance, wind uplift and damage.



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Sloped roofing \ Slate

Condition: • Missing, loose or broken pieces

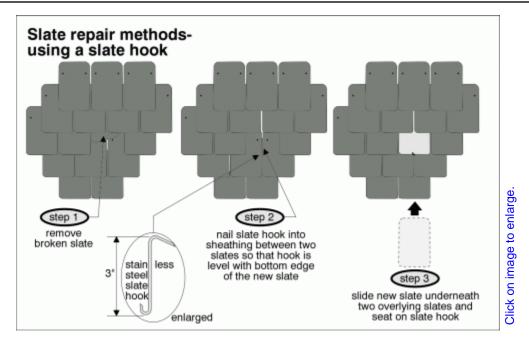
Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Damage or physical injury due to falling

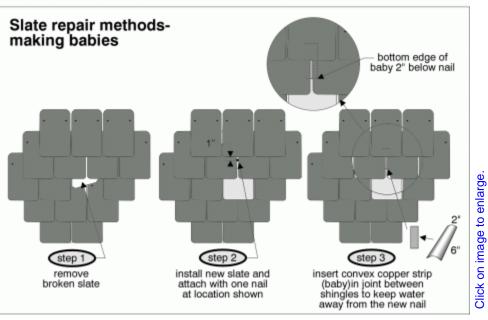
materials

Location: Various Roof

Task: Repair Time: Ongoing

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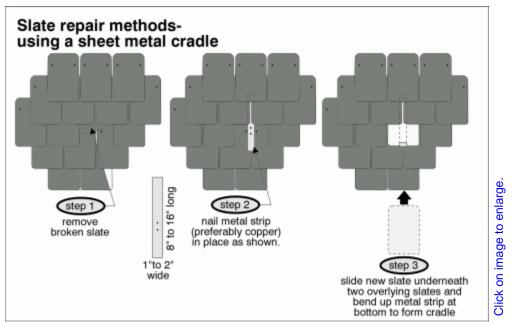




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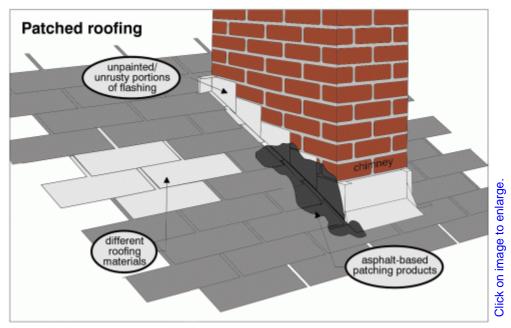
Condition: • Patched

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

Location: Various Roof

Task: Monitor
Time: Ongoing

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Sloped roof flashings \ Chimney flashings

Condition: • Damage, loose, open seams, patched

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

Location: Small chimney

Task: Improve

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: \$600 - \$800

Note: Chimney flashings have been tarred together- loss of flexibility

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Flat roofing \ Rubber single ply

Condition: • Taut, tenting

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

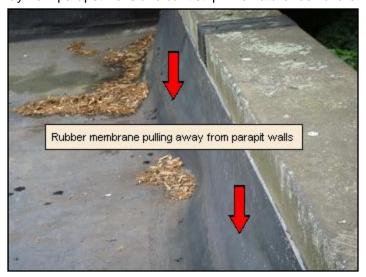
Location: Throughout Roof

Task: Repair

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: \$400 - \$800

Note: Rubber roof is pulling away from parapet walls and cant strip. Premature roof failure will result if left unimpaired.



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Description

Gutter & downspout material: • Aluminum

Gutter & downspout type: • Eave mounted • Integral/built-in

Gutter & downspout discharge: • Below grade

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Lot slope: • Away from house

Wall surfaces - masonry: • Brick

Retaining wall: • Masonry

Driveway: • Asphalt

Exterior steps: • Masonry

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Poor access under steps, deck, porch

Exterior inspected from: • Ground level

Findings

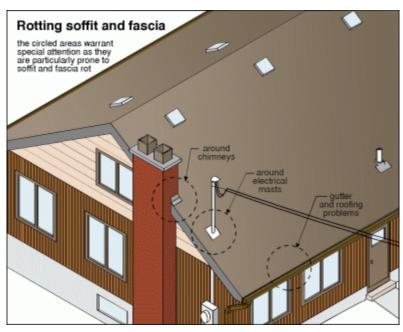
Walls \ Soffits and fascia

Condition: • Loose or missing pieces

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Chance of pests

entering house Location: Right side

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100 - \$200



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Walls \ Wood siding

Condition: • In contact with roof, drawing water up into siding

Implication(s): Continued deterioration

Location: Front dormers

Task: Repair

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: \$400 - \$800





Walls \ Brick, stone and concrete

Condition: • Spalling

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Basement

Task: Repair

Time: As soon as possible



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Cost: \$1000 - \$2000

Note: The masonry within the basement stairwell is severely spalling. If the conditions supporting spalling are not corrected, the deterioration will accelerate. Once deteriorated masonry is repaired, steps should be taken to limit moisture collection and absorption.





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Condition: • Mortar deterioration

Implication(s): Chance of water entering house | Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

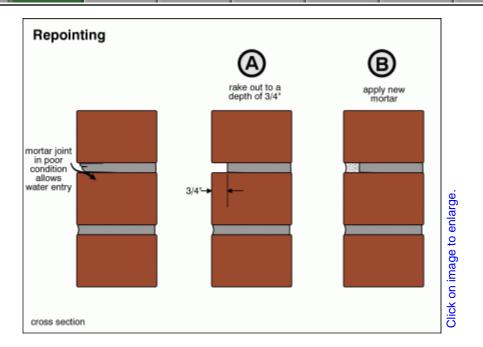
Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Repair

Time: Regular maintenance Cost: \$1,000 - \$2,000

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Windows and skylights \ Exterior trim

Condition: • Rot

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

Location: Various Exterior Task: Repair or replace Time: As soon as possible Cost: Not determined



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Windows and skylights \ Window wells

Condition: • Safety grate missing or defective

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Front

Task: Repair or replace

Time: Immediate Cost: \$200 - \$400



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Condition: • Masonry defects

Location: Front Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$200 - \$400

Porches, decks, steps, patios and balconies \ Columns

Condition: • Rot or insect damage

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of movement

Location: Front Porch Task: Repair or replace Time: As soon as possible

Cost: \$300 - \$500



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Condition: • Cracked

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of movement

Location: Front Porch Task: Repair or replace Time: As soon as possible

Cost: \$400 - \$600



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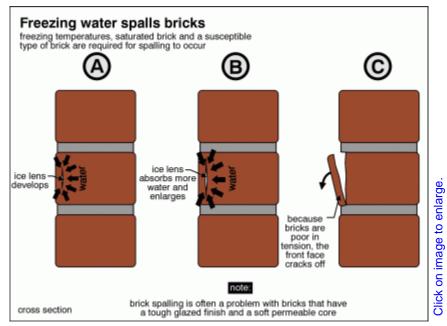
Porches, decks, steps, patios and balconies \ Steps and landings

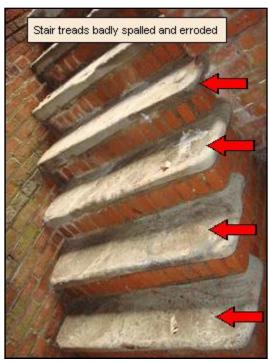
Condition: • Masonry or concrete spalling

Implication(s): Chance of damage to structure | Material deterioration | Trip or fall hazard

Location: Basement Task: Repair or replace Time: As soon as possible Cost: \$1000 - \$2000

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Condition: • Steps or landings settling or heaving

Location: Front Porch **Task**: Monitor / repair

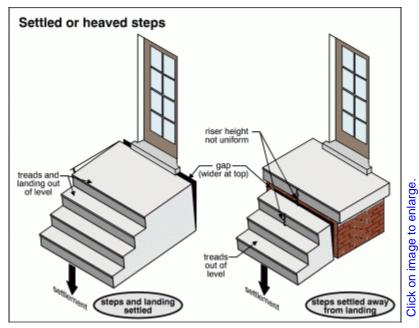
Time: Ongoing

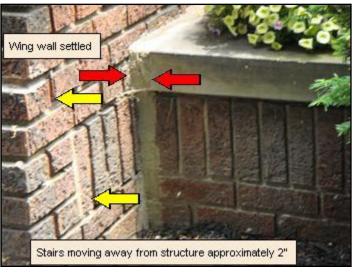
Cost: Depends on approach

Note: Possible continued structural movement

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Porches, decks, steps, patios and balconies \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • Missing
Implication(s): Fall hazard
Location: Exterior Staircase

Task: Provide **Time**: Immediate

Cost: \$200 - \$300 Each

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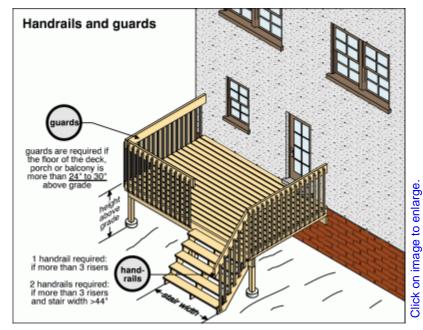
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Porches, decks, steps, patios and balconies \ General

Condition: • Wrought iron broken at point of fastening

Implication(s): Safety hazard

Location: Right Side Exterior Balcony

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$200 - \$300 19.

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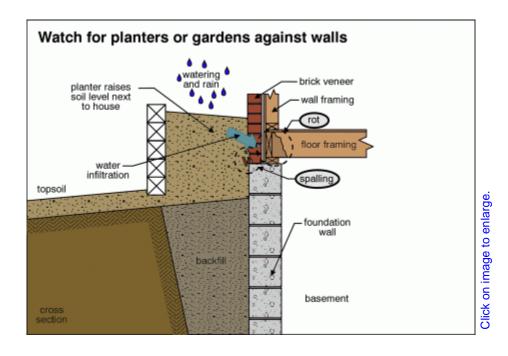
Landscaping \ General

Condition: • Planters and gardens against walls

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

Location: Right Exterior

Task: Monitor Time: Ongoing



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Condition: • Trees or shrubs too close to house

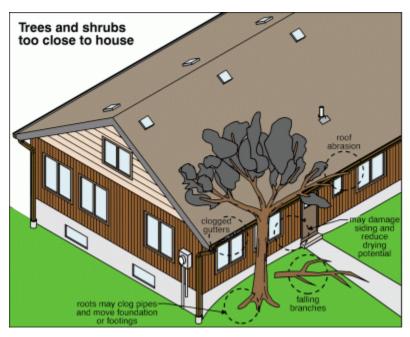
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Implication(s): Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure | Chance of pests entering house |

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Material deterioration Location: Various Exterior

Task: Improve Time: Immediate



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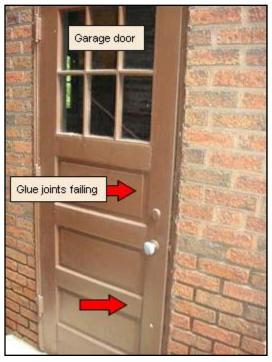
Garage \ Man-door into garage

Condition: • Rot, water damage, poor condition

Location: Garage Task: Repair or replace Time: Discretionary Cost: \$300 - \$600

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Description

Configuration:

Basement

Crawl space

Note: Below porches

Foundation material: • Masonry block • Brick

Floor construction: • Joists

Exterior wall construction: • Masonry

Roof and ceiling framing: • Rafters/roof joists • Plank sheathing

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage • New finishes/paint • Insulation

Attic/roof space: • No access

Knee wall areas: • Inspected from access hatch

Crawl space: • Inspected from access hatch

Percent of foundation not visible: • 50 %

Findings

Floors \ Beams

Condition: • Rust

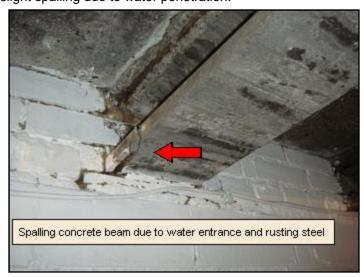
Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Basement Porch

Task: Repair, prevent further rusting

Time: Immediate

Note: Concrete beam shows slight spalling due to water penetration.



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Walls \ Solid masonry walls

Condition: • Cracked

Implication(s): Weakened structure Location: Front Exterior Wall Task: Further evaluation

Time: Immediate

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Cost: Depends on approach

Note: The masonry wing wall is cracked and sinking. Mortar has been repaired, though it is not possible to determine if the footer has been replaced or underpinned. Request specific disclosure from owner. Consult masonry contractor for further evaluation and repair.





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Condition: • Lintels sagging

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Front Exterior

Task: Monitor for continued movement



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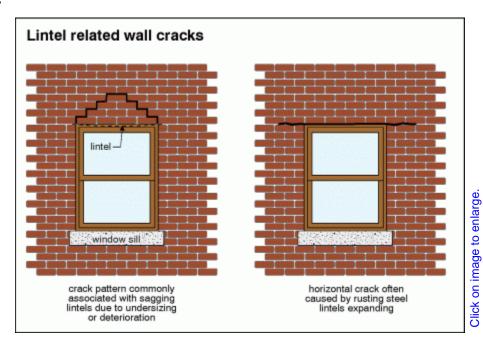
Condition: • Lintels rusting

Implication(s): Weakened structure | Chance of structural movement

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Repair

Time: As necessary



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Description

Service entrance cable and location: • Overhead aluminum

Service size: • 200 Amps (240 Volts)

Main disconnect/service box rating: • 200 Amps

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Main disconnect/service box type and location: • Breakers - basement

System grounding material and type: • Copper - water pipe • Copper - ground rods

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Distribution wire material and type: • Copper - non-metallic sheathed • Copper - metallic sheathed • Copper - conduit

Copper - knob and tube

Type and number of outlets: • Grounded and ungrounded - typical

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Concealed wiring not inspected

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage • Insulation

System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

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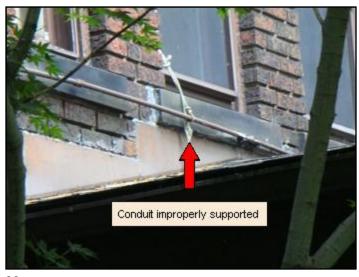
<u>Distribution system \ Wiring - installation</u>

Condition: • Not well secured

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Rear Exterior Wall

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100



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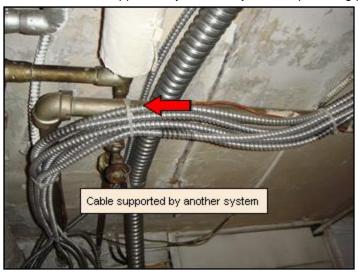
Condition: • Not well secured

Implication(s): Electric shock | Fire hazard

Location: Basement Utility Room

Task: Improve **Time**: Discretionary Cost: Less than \$100

Note: Electric cables and conduit should not be supported by another system ie: plumbing pipes, ducts, etc.



27.

Distribution system \ Lights

Condition: • Improper closet lighting

Implication(s): Fire hazard **Location**: Throughout

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100 - Each

Note: Light fixtures in closets likely to be filled with combustible storage should have a globe that completely encloses

the bulb. Storage may contact the hot surface of the open bulb and create a fire hazard.

Distribution system \ Outlets

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Implication(s): Electric shock hazard

Location: Throughout

Task: Repair Time: Immediate

Cost: \$25 - \$50 Each location

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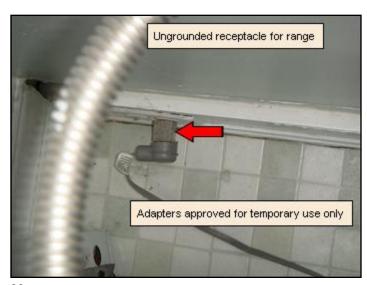
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Condition: • Ungrounded Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Kitchen Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100



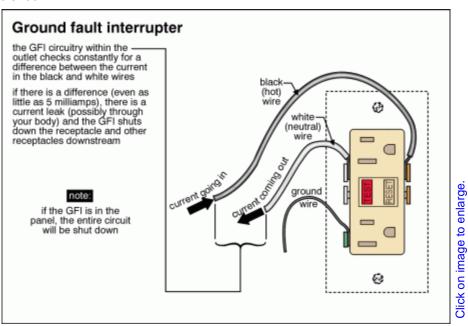


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Condition: • Ground Fault Interrupter (GFI) needed

Implication(s): Electric shock



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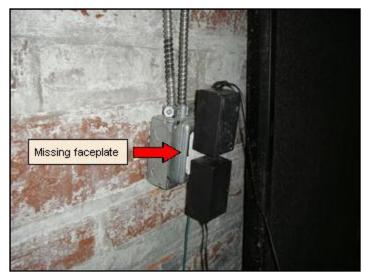
Distribution system \ Cover plates

Condition: • Missing

Implication(s): Electric shock Location: Basement & garage

Task: Replace Time: Immediate Cost: Minor





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Fuel: • Gas

System type: • Boiler

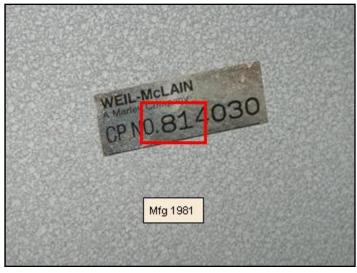
Heat distribution: • Radiators

Approximate capacity: • 250,000 BTU/H

Efficiency: • Conventional

Approximate age:

• 29 years



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Failure probability: • Medium

Fireplace:

Wood fireplace

Note: Basement and first floor

Chimney: • Masonry

Chimney liner: • Not visible

Carbon monoxide test: • 0 parts per million - approximate

Limitations

Inspection prevented/limited by: • Height of chimney

Inspection prevented/limited by: • Chimney clean-out not opened

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Safety devices: • Not tested as part of a home inspection

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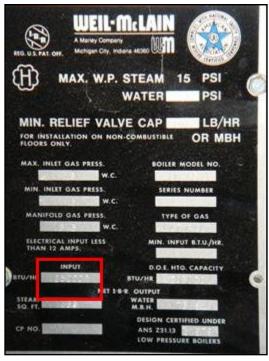
Zone, boiler and radiator valves: • Not tested as part of a home inspection

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Heat loss calculations: • Not done as part of a home inspection

Data plate on equipment:

• Incomplete



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Fireplace/wood stove: • Quality of chimney draw cannot be determined

Heat exchanger: • Only a small portion visible

Findings

General

· Abandoned boiler

Implication(s): Nuisance, possible asbestos hazard

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Remove

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: Unknown, likely to be expensive

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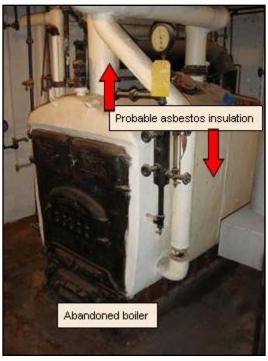
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Gas steam boiler \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Near end of life expectancy

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

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Replace Time: Unpredictable Cost: \$4,000 - \$7,000

Gas steam boiler \ Heat shield

Condition: • Scorched

Implication(s): Hazardous combustion products entering home

Condition: • Rust

Implication(s): Hazardous combustion products entering home

Gas steam boiler \ Heat exchanger

Condition: • Leak

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Further evaluation

Time: Before next heating season **Note**: Shortened service life

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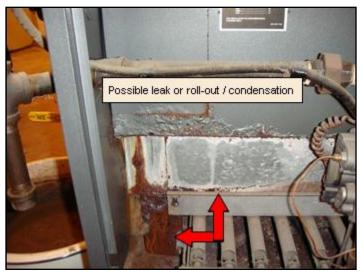
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Gas steam boiler \ Distribution pipes and radiators

Condition: • Steam distribution piping throughout basement is insulated with materials likely to contain asbestos.

Insulation is damaged and friable in many areas.

Implication(s): Health hazard
Location: Throughout basement

Task: Further evaluation, Remove / repair

Time: Immediate **Cost**: \$1000 - \$3000

Fireplace \ General

Condition: • Inspect chimney, and sweep, if needed before using

Implication(s): Fire hazard

Location: Basement and Living room

Task: Clean and Inspect

Time: Before use **Cost**: \$200 - \$400

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Description

Attic/roof insulation material: • Glass fiber

Attic/roof ventilation: • None found

Wall insulation material: • Foam

Floor above crawlspace insulation material: • None found

Crawlspace ventilation: • None Found

Limitations

Inspection prevented by no access to: • Attic • Wall space

Crawl space inspection performed: • From access hatch

Findings

Walls \ Insulation

Condition: • Insulation leaking from wall

Location: Exterior Wall

Task: Remove Time: Immediate Cost: Minor

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Description

Water supply source: • Public

Service piping into house: • Copper

Supply piping in house: • Copper

Water flow (pressure): • Functional

Water heater fuel: • Gas

Water heater type: • Conventional

Tank capacity:

• 100 gallons

Note: Tandem water 50 gallon heaters



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Water heater approximate age: • New

Water heater failure probability: • Low

Waste disposal system: • Public

Waste piping in house: • Plastic • Cast Iron • Galvanized steel

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Limitations

Items excluded from a home inspection: • Water quality • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows

Findings

Supply plumbing \ Supply piping in house

Condition: • Subject to freezing Implication(s): Ruptured plumbing

Location: Garage Task: Monitor Time: Ongoing



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Waste plumbing \ Drain piping - performance

Condition: • Leak

Implication(s): Sewage entering the house

Location: First Floor Kitchen

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100

Note: Slight leak around dishwasher / tailpiece connection

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Description

Major floor finishes: • Hardwood

Major wall finishes: • Plaster/drywall

Windows: • Single/double hung • Wood

Glazing: • Single

Exterior doors: • Solid wood

Evidence of basement leakage: • Stains • Prior repairs

Evidence of crawlspace leakage: • Efflorescence • Stains • Rust

Appliances: • Dishwasher

Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint

Not included as part of a home inspection: • Crawl spaces without concrete floors • Doorbells, signaling, audio cables, speakers, etc • Crawlspace with less than 36" headroom • Attic spaces with less than 60" headroom • Crawl spaces without concrete floors

Not included as part of a home inspection: • Cosmetic issues

Appliances: • Only permanently installed appliances are tested as part of a general home inspection. • Appliances are only tested for immediate operation / response. Ovens are not fired until fully heated, etc.

Appliances: • Effectiveness of dishwasher drying cycle not tested • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

Percent of foundation not visible: • 50 %

Basement leakage: • Cannot predict how often or how badly basement will leak

Findings

Ceilings \ General

Condition: • Stains

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects Location: Second Floor Bedroom

Task: Further evaluation **Time**: As soon as possible

Note: Slight water stain on bedroom ceiling. May be associated with recent chimney flashing repair. Request specific

disclosure from owner.

Ceilings \ Plaster or drywall

Condition: • Sag

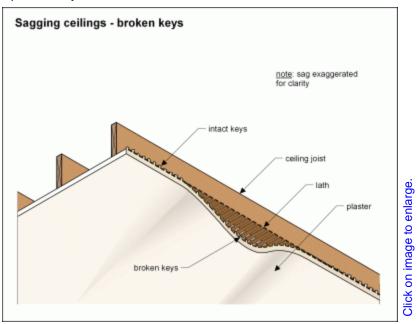
Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of movement

Location: First Floor Powder Room

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$300 - \$600

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Note: Ceiling threatens collapse. Safety hazard.





Stairs \ Handrails

Condition: • Handrail does not extend equal to the stairway length.

Implication(s): Safety hazard Location: Basement Staircase

Task: Repair Time: Immediate Cost: \$100 - \$200 http://www.homewiseinspections.com

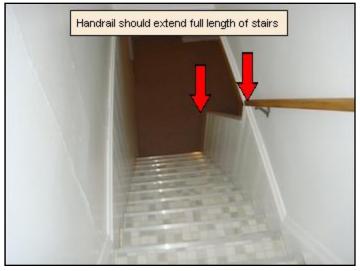
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Basement \ Leakage

Condition: • Leakage - Read these articles before undertaking any action

Basement \ Wet basement - evidence

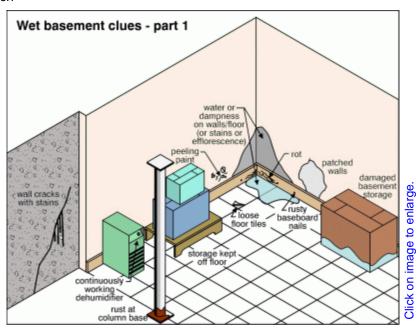
Condition: • Stains

Implication(s): Cosmetic defects | Chance of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure

Location: Throughout basement and crawlspace

Task: Monitor / Repair

Time: Ongoing / Discretionary Cost: Depends on approach



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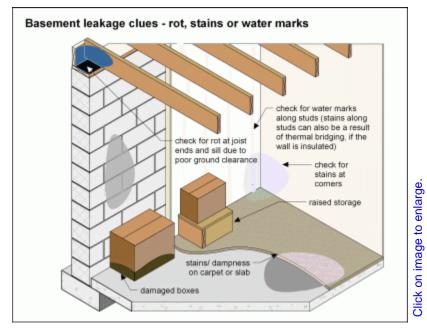
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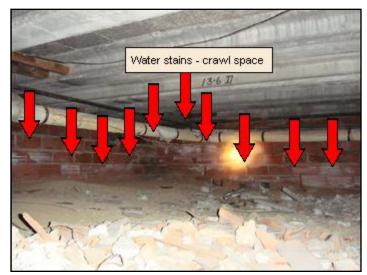
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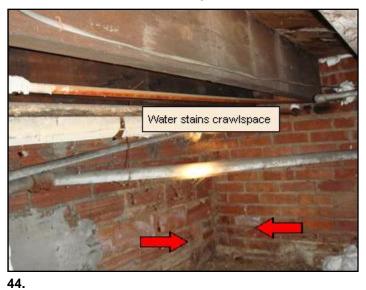
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