



# YOUR INSPECTION REPORT

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331 Windermere Avenue  
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PREPARED FOR:  
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Monday, May 3, 2021

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May 4, 2021

Dear Gillian Ritchie,

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERALL CONDITION OF HOME:

This solid masonry home on stone foundations is in above-average condition overall as compared to homes of similar age and style. The electrical system features a 100-amp electrical service with upgraded wiring throughout. The roof covering features premium roof shingles. The overall condition of the brick and mortar is very good. We noted newer premium high efficient HVAC units. The basement has been professionally remodeled. Both the exterior and interior of the home appear well maintained.

As is typical for homes of this age, there is a mix of newer and older systems and components

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This Summary outlines some of the potentially short-term significant issues from a cost standpoint. This section is provided as a COURTESY ONLY and cannot be considered a substitute for reading the entire report. Please read the complete document.

It is not possible for a home inspector to predict the future. It would be advisable to annually budget between 0.5% to 1% of the value of the home for unforeseen repairs and maintenance. This would hold true for any house that you were considering.

Things will wear out, break down, and fail without warning. This is a fact of home ownership.

We adhere to the CAHPI Standards of Practice which can be viewed here:

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NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

NOTE: FOR BALLPARK COSTS THE TERM 'MINOR' REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$500

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES USED THROUGHOUT THE REPORT, THE "FRONT" OF THE HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE EXTERIOR.

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During a home inspection we inspect all visible systems and components. There are literally hundreds of potential minor issues found in every home, new and old. The inspection is not a technical audit on every minor flaw or deficiency. A technical audit can be performed at an additional cost. The focus of this inspection was to identify MAJOR issues with major systems and components. To simplify and give you a better understanding of what is considered a major issue, the inspection can generally be categorized as follows:

- 1)OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DEFECTS
- 2)OBSERVABLE WATER LEAKAGE/DAMAGE Roof, Plumbing, and basement moisture intrusion.
- 3)OBSERVABLE ELECTRICAL DEFECTS
- 4)LIFESPAN SYSTEMS- Roof Covering, Heating System, Cooling System, Windows

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For Ballpark costs of various home components, please click here:

<http://www.inspectionlibrary.com/costs.htm>

This concludes the Summary section.

The remainder of the report describes each of the home's systems and also details any recommendations we have for improvements. Limitations that restricted our inspection are included as well.

The suggested time frames for completing recommendations are based on the limited information available during a pre-purchase home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

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## Descriptions

**Sloped roofing material:** • [Asphalt shingles](#)

**Approximate age:** • 7 years

**Typical life expectancy:** • 20-25 years

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • General Recommendation for all homes - Strip Roof Covering when replacing. When replacing a roof covering, it is common to apply a second layer over the first to minimize costs. Best practice however, is to remove the old roof covering before installing the new roof. Adding a third layer of roofing is not recommended. It is common when re-roofing to find concealed damage to roofing boards, these and other hidden components. There is no practical way to predict the presence or extent of the damage.

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**General:** • Most roofs are susceptible to ice damming under the right weather conditions. This is where ice forms at the lower edge of a sloped roof, causing melting water from above to back up under the shingles. We cannot predict which roofs will suffer the most damage under adverse weather

**Inspection performed:** • With binoculars from the ground

**Age determined by:** • Reported by seller

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## Descriptions

**General:** • The exterior has been well maintained overall • The exterior of the home is in good condition.

**Gutter & downspout material:** • [Aluminum](#)

**Gutter & downspout discharge:** • [Above grade](#)

**Lot slope:** • [Away from building](#) • [Flat](#)

**Wall surfaces - masonry:** • [Brick](#)

**Wall surfaces - wood:** • [Shingles](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • All Exterior issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

### WALLS \ Flashings and caulking

**Condition:** • Caulking around windows, doors and wall penetrations should be checked regularly for deficiencies and improved as needed.

### WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

**Condition:** • [Mortar deterioration](#)

Provide mortar (Repointing, Tuck pointing) at various areas of the exterior brick and sills. This is routine maintenance for homes of this age. Overall the brick and mortar is in good condition. photos show sampling.

**Location:** Various Exterior

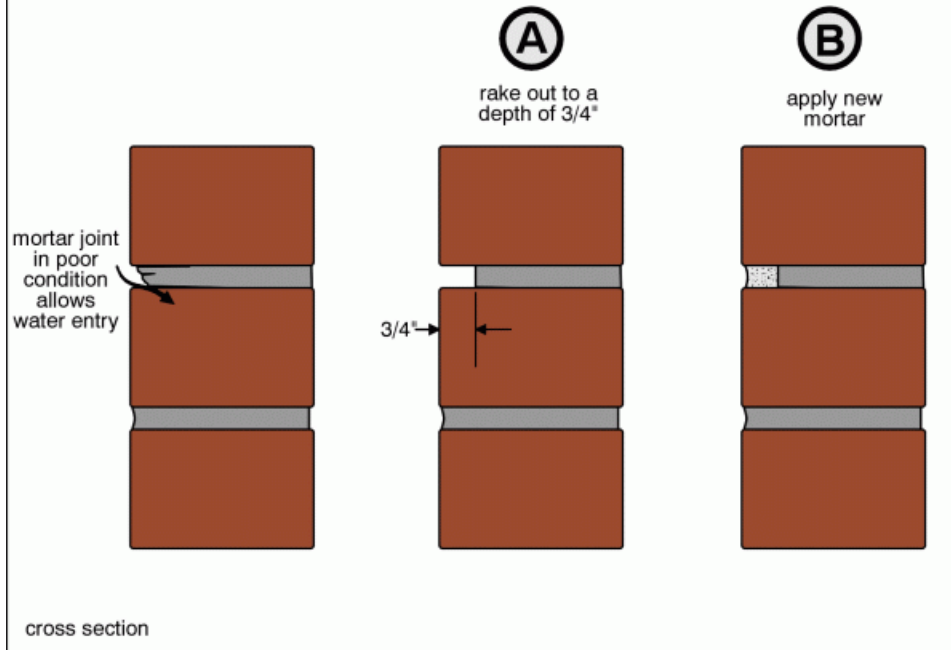
**Task:** Repair

**Time:** Regular maintenance

**Cost:** Regular maintenance item



## Repointing



1. example



2. example

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3. example

**Condition:** • Most masonry walls have small cracks due to shrinkage or minor settlement. These will not be individually noted in the report, unless leakage, building movement or similar problems are noted

## EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ General notes

**Condition:** • Sill - Near or at Grade Level

This was common on older construction. Modern standards require that bottom of window be above grade by 6-inches or a window well be provided. Window sills at grade are vulnerable to damage and water leakage

**Location:** Various Exterior

**Task:** Monitor / Improve

**Time:** As Needed



4. Sill - Near or at Grade Level



5. Sill - Near or at Grade Level



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6. Sill - Near or at Grade Level

## EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ Glass (glazing)

**Condition:** • [Lost seal on double or triple glazing](#)

**Location:** Second Floor rear and left side bedrooms

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Discretionary

**Cost:** \$200 - \$500 Each

## EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ Window wells

**Condition:** • [Less than 6 inches below window](#)

Also, consider adding plastic window well cover to help prevent water from entering these vulnerable areas

**Location:** Rear Exterior

**Task:** Correct (and keep clean from debris)

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** Regular maintenance item

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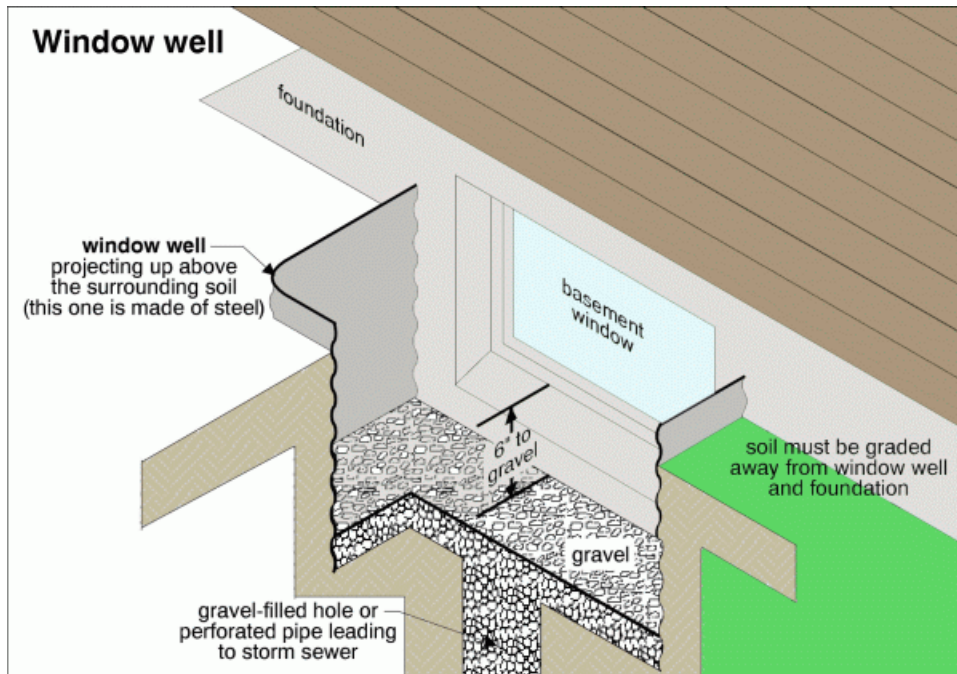
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7. Less than 6 inches below window

## PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Columns / Posts

**Condition:** • [Spalling](#)

Typical for a home of this age.

**Location:** Left Exterior

**Task:** Patch

**Time:** Regular maintenance

**Cost:** Regular maintenance item

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8. Minor spalling

## LANDSCAPING \ General notes

**Condition:** • Vines on building

Vine growth noted. We understand the aesthetic reasons for leaving them, however vines may cause damage to the home / brick over time: Vines can clog gutters and downspouts, obstruct vents, damage masonry, allow rodents access to walls, roof and attic, discolour bricks. hide defects such as deteriorated masonry.

**Location:** Front Exterior column

**Task:** Remove

**Time:** As Needed / Regular maintenance

## LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading

**Condition:** • Low Areas.

Monitor drainage at walkway. Improve if necessary.

**Location:** Left Exterior

**Task:** Monitor / Improve

**Time:** As Needed



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## Recommended grading slopes



### 9. Low Areas

**Condition:** • During rainfall, walk the exterior to view if any water is draining towards the home. Improve these areas as needed

#### LANDSCAPING \ Walkway

**Condition:** • Gap in walkway or patio.

**Location:** Rear Exterior

**Task:** Improve



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**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** Minor



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## LANDSCAPING \ Fence

**Condition:** • Fences aging

**Location:** Rear Exterior Yard

**Task:** Upgrade

**Time:** Discretionary

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Upper floors inspected from:** • Ground level

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## Descriptions

**General:** • The solid masonry walls and foundations that are visible are in good condition overall.

**Configuration:** • [Basement](#)

**Foundation material:** • [Stone](#)

**Floor construction:** • [Joists](#)

**Exterior wall construction:** • [Masonry](#)

**Roof and ceiling framing:** • Rafters

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • All Structure issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

**Condition:** • No structure recommendations are offered as a result of this inspection.

### FOUNDATIONS \ General notes

**Condition:** • [Typical minor settlement](#)

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Finishes, insulation, furnishings and storage conceal structural components.

### **Attic/roof space:**

• Inspected from access hatch  
Hatch too small. Limited Inspection using camera only.

**Percent of foundation not visible:** • 95 %

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## Descriptions

**General:** • The Electrical system has been updated and is in good condition overall.

**Service entrance cable and location:** • [Overhead - cable type not determined](#)

**Service size:** • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

**Main disconnect/service box type and location:** • [Breakers - basement](#)

**System grounding material and type:** • [Not visible](#)

**Distribution panel type and location:**

• [Breakers - basement](#)



11. Breakers - basement

**Distribution panel rating:** • [125 Amps](#)

**Distribution wire (conductor) material and type:** • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#) • [Copper - metallic sheathed](#)

**Type and number of outlets (receptacles):** • [Grounded - upgraded](#)

**Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI):** • [GFCI - bathroom and exterior](#)

**Smoke alarms (detectors):** • [Present](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • All electrical recommendations are safety issues. POTENTIAL worst-case implications are fire and shock hazards. Treat them as high priority items, and consider the time frame as Immediate, unless otherwise noted.

### SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Distribution panel

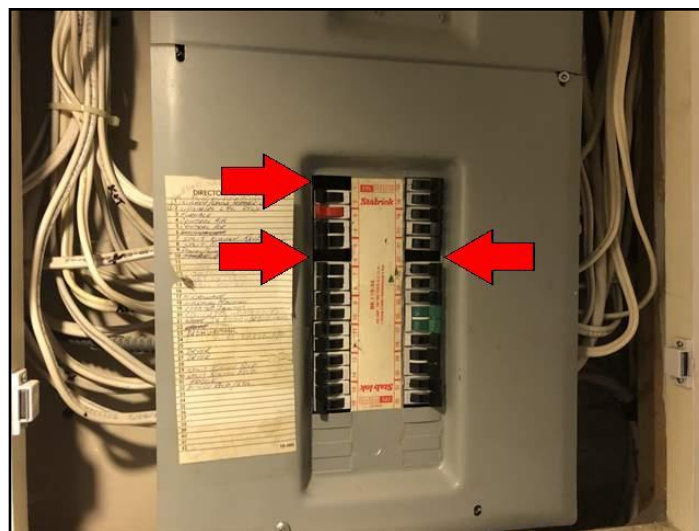
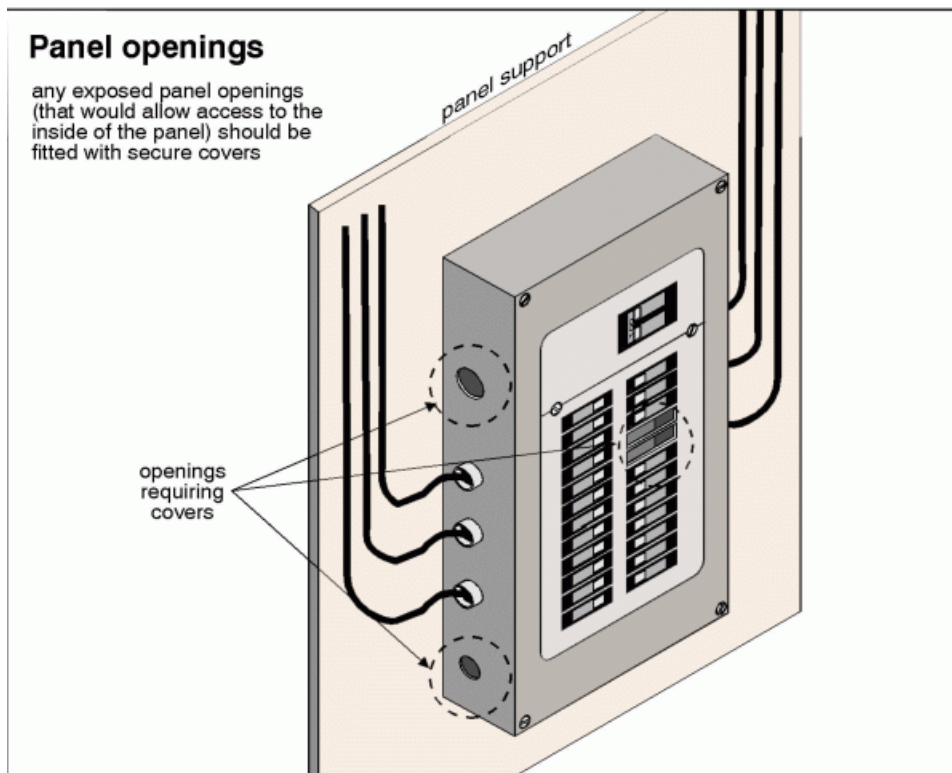
**Condition:** • [Openings in panel](#)

**Location:** Basement Panel

**Task:** Correct

**Time:** As Soon As Possible

**Cost:** Minor



12. Openings in panel

**Condition:** • Missing or Improper Panel Cover Fasteners

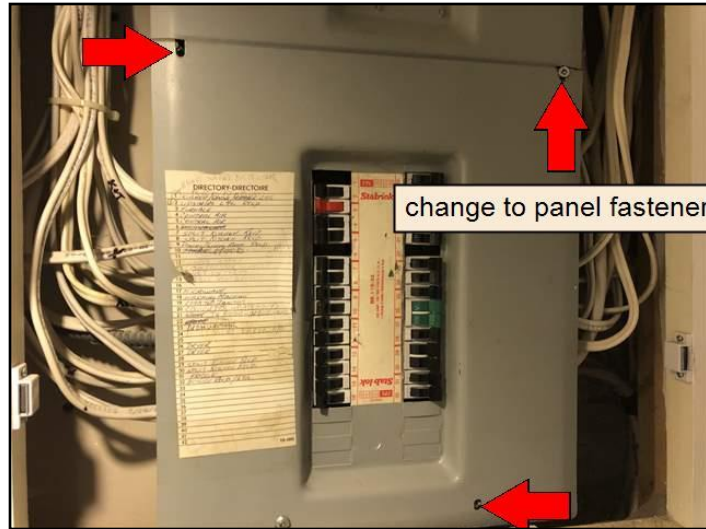
**Location:** Basement Panel

**Task:** Provide panel fasteners

**Time:** As Soon As Possible

**Cost:** Less than \$25





13. Missing or Improper Panel Cover Fasteners

## SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Distribution fuses/breakers

Condition: • [Double taps](#)

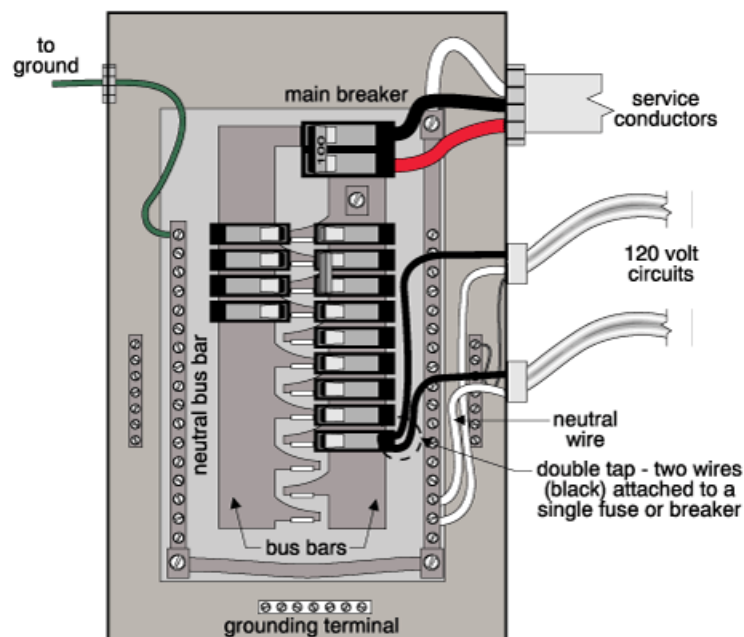
Location: Basement Panel

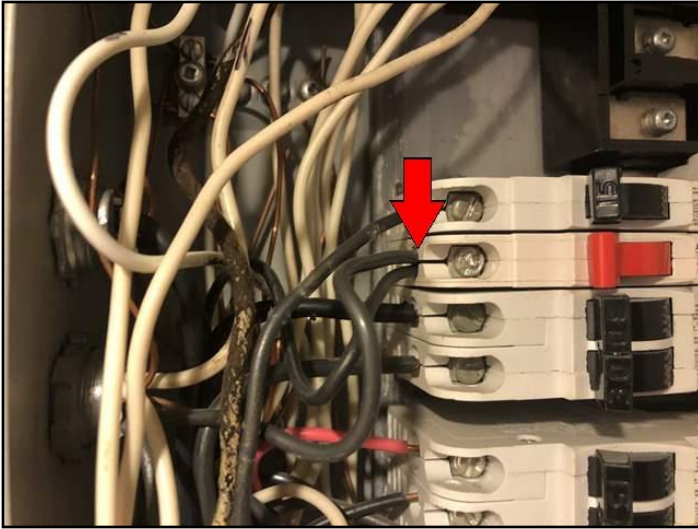
Task: Correct

Time: Immediate

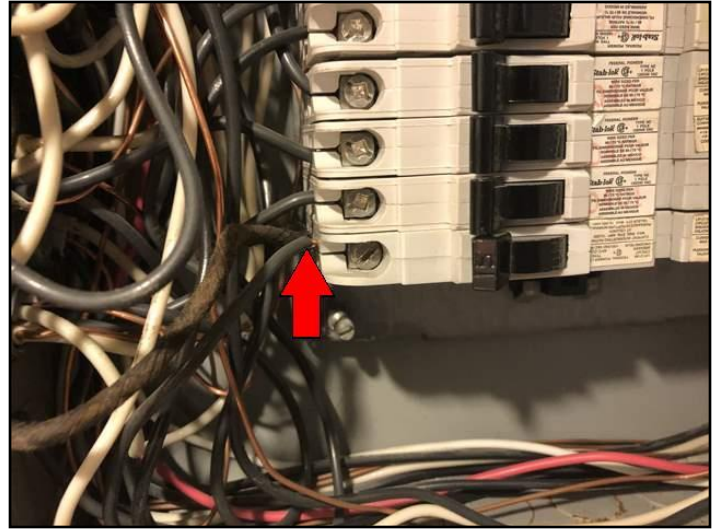
Cost: Minor

### Double tapping (double lugging)





14. Double taps



15. Double taps

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

**Condition:** • [Loose](#)

**Location:** Rear Second Floor Bedroom

**Task:** Correct

**Time:** Prior to first use

**Cost:** Minor

**Condition:** • [GFCI/GFI needed \(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter\)](#)

**Location:** Basement Bathroom

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** As Soon As Possible

**Cost:** Minor

### Ground fault circuit interrupter

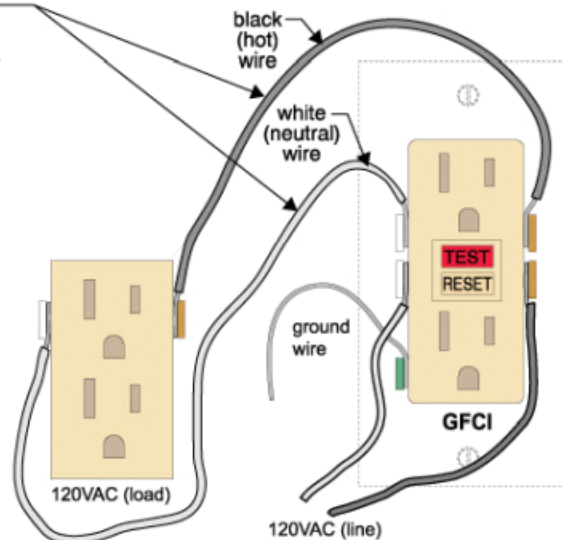
also known as ground fault interrupter (GFI)

the GFCI circuitry within the outlet checks the load (connected downstream and/or plugged into receptacle) constantly for a difference between the current in the hot (live) and neutral wires

if there is a difference of at least 5 milliamps, there is a current leak and the GFCI shuts off the outlet and all outlets downstream

**note:**

if the GFCI is in the panel, the entire circuit will be shut down to reduce the risk of electric shock



**Condition:** • [Test faulty on GFCI/GFI \(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter\)](#)

**Location:** Rear Exterior

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Prior to first use

**Cost:** Minor



16. Test faulty on GFCI/GFI (Ground Fault...

### DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Switches

**Condition:** • [Faulty](#)

**Location:** Second Floor Hall

**Task:** Repair / Replace

**Time:** As Soon As Possible

**Cost:** Minor



17. Faulty

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Lights

**Condition:** • [Loose](#)

**Location:** Top of Basement Staircase

**Task:** Correct

**Time:** As Soon As Possible

**Cost:** Minor Regular maintenance item

## DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

**Condition:** • Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should be provided at every floor level of every home. Smoke detectors should be close to sleeping areas, and carbon monoxide detectors should be in any room with a wood-burning stove or fireplace. These devices are not tested as part of a home inspection. Once you take possession of the home, detectors should be tested regularly, and replaced every 10 years. If unsure of the age of a smoke detector, it should be replaced. Smoke detector batteries should be replaced annually.

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**General:** • The electrical system has been upgraded at some point. Knob and Tube wiring was the typical wiring used in homes built prior to 1950. We did not observe any knob and tube during our inspection and all the outlets we tested appeared grounded and in good working order. Sometimes remnants of knob and tube wiring is found during renovations. If found, remove during renovations.

**System ground:** • Quality of ground not determined



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## Descriptions

**General:** • The heating system is a premium quality system and is in good condition.

**System type:** • [Furnace](#)

**Fuel/energy source:** • [Gas](#)

**Heat distribution:** • [Ducts and registers](#)

**Approximate capacity:** • [60,000 BTU/hr](#)

**Efficiency:** • [High-efficiency](#)

**Approximate age:** • [3 years](#)

**Typical life expectancy:** • Furnace (high efficiency) 15 to 20 years

**Fireplace/stove:** • [Gas fireplace](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • Set up annual service plan which includes coverage for parts and labour.

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

**Condition:** • No heating recommendations are offered as a result of this inspection.

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Safety devices:** • Not tested as part of a building inspection

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

**Heat exchanger:** • Not visible

## Descriptions

**General:** • The cooling system is a premium quality system and is in good condition.

**Air conditioning type:** • [Air cooled](#)

**Cooling capacity:** • [24,000 BTU/hr](#)

**Compressor approximate age:** • 3 years

**Typical life expectancy:** • 10 to 15 years

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • In general, air conditioning units have a lifespan of 10-15 years but often last longer with regular servicing.

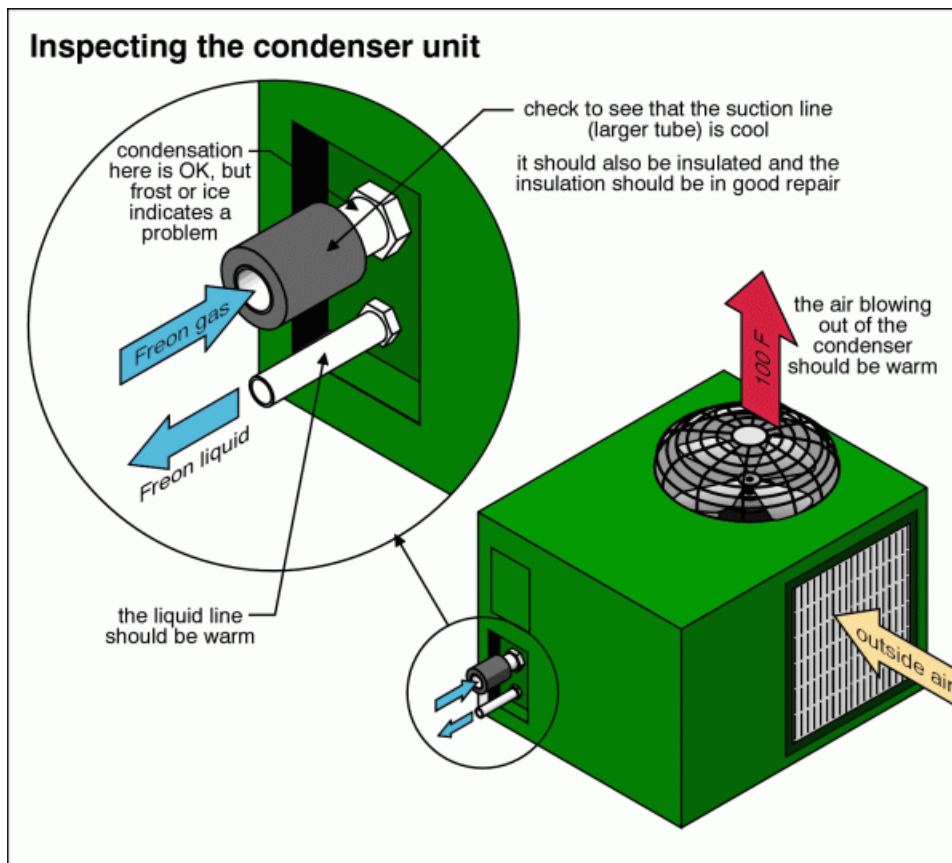
### AIR CONDITIONING \ Air cooled condenser coil

**Condition:** • [Dirty](#)

**Location:** Rear Exterior

**Task:** Clean

**Time:** Regularly



# COOLING & HEAT PUMP

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18. *Dirty*

## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Low outdoor temperature • To reduce risk of damaging the compressor, air conditioning systems are not tested until they have been started up for the season.

**Heat gain/loss calculations:** • Not done as part of a building inspection

## Descriptions

**Attic/roof insulation material:** • [Glass fiber](#)

**Attic/roof insulation amount/value:** • Not determined

**Attic/roof air/vapor barrier:** • Not determined • Spot Checked Only

**Attic/roof ventilation:** • [Roof and soffit vents](#)

## Observations and Recommendations

### ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

**Condition:** • [Amount less than current standards](#)

Below current standards of R-60 (as of 2016)

**Location:** Throughout Attic

**Task:** Upgrade

**Time:** Discretionary

### ATTIC/ROOF \ Hatch/Door

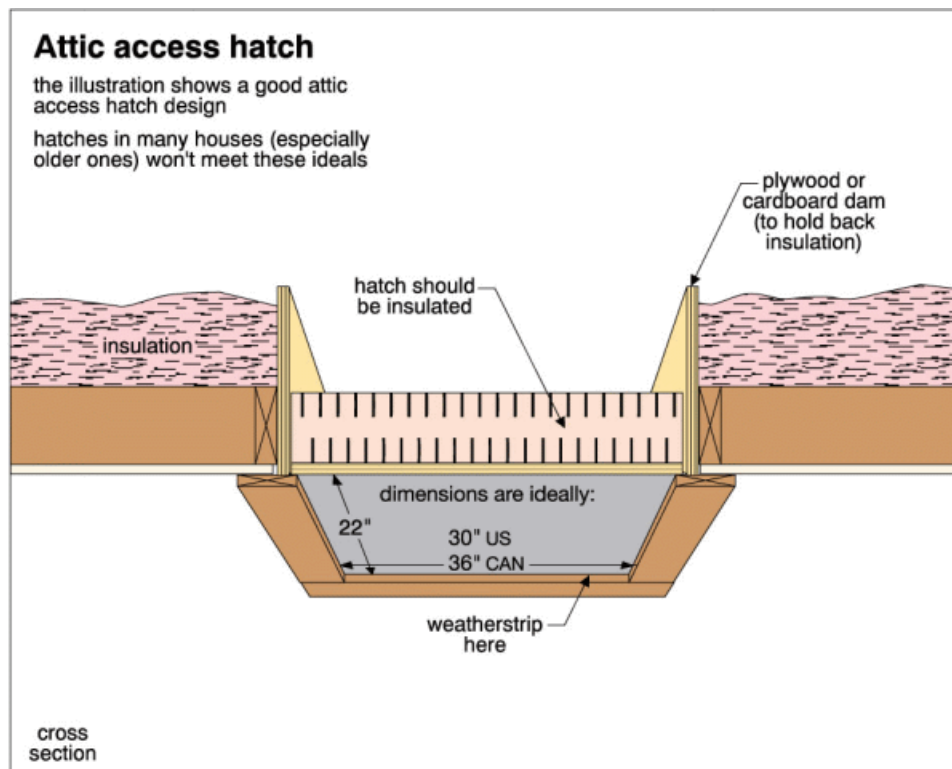
**Condition:** • [Inaccessible](#)

Hatch is small. partial inspection with camera only. Attics are important areas and should be inspected from time to time.

**Location:** Attic

**Task:** Improve size of hatch

**Time:** As Required





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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to:** • Walls, which were spot checked only

**Attic inspection performed:**

- From access hatch

Very limited view due to the small size of the access hatch.. We recommend that the hatch be enlarged and the attic inspected

**Roof ventilation system performance:** • Not evaluated

**Air/vapor barrier system:** • Continuity not verified

## Descriptions

**Service piping into building:** • [Not visible](#)

**Supply piping in building:** • [Copper](#)

**Main water shut off valve at the:** • Basement

**Water flow and pressure:** • [Functional](#) • [Typical for neighborhood](#)

**Water heater type:** • [Conventional](#)

**Water heater fuel/energy source:** • [Gas](#)

**Water heater tank capacity:** • [40 gallons](#) • 151 liters

**Water heater approximate age:** • 10 years

**Water heater typical life expectancy:** • 10 to 15 years

**Waste and vent piping in building:** • [Plastic](#)

**Floor drain location:** • Near laundry area • Near heating system

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • All Plumbing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure.

### WATER HEATER \ Life expectancy

**Condition:** • Aging

Typical lifespans for water heater is 10-15 years. The current unit is 10 years old and is functional.

**Location:** Basement Furnace Room

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** When necessary

### WASTE PLUMBING \ Drain piping - performance

**Condition:** • Sewer backup insurance is recommended for ALL homes

Sewer backup can happen to any home. There are many potential causes and it is prudent for homeowners to have coverage for this.

**Condition:** • A videoscan of the waste plumbing is recommended to determine whether there are tree roots or other obstructions, and to look for damaged or collapsed pipe. This is common on older properties, especially where there are mature trees nearby. This is a great precautionary measure, although many homeowners wait until there are problems with the drains. The cost may be roughly \$200 to \$400.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATION FOR ALL HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1970

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## Inspection Methods and Limitations

**Items excluded from a building inspection:** • Water quality • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Tub and basin overflows are not tested as part of a home inspection. Leakage at the overflows is a common problem.

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## Descriptions

**Major floor finishes:** • [Hardwood](#) • [Laminate](#)  
**Major wall and ceiling finishes:** • [Plaster/drywall](#)  
**Windows:** • [Fixed](#) • [Single/double hung](#) • [Casement](#)  
**Glazing:** • [Single](#) • [Double](#)  
**Exterior doors - type/material:** • Hinged

## Observations and Recommendations

### RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

**Condition:** • All Interior issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

**Condition:** • Typical minor flaws were noted on floors, walls and ceilings. These cosmetic issues reflect normal wear and tear

### FLOORS \ Subflooring

**Condition:** • Slope or Sag Noted.

Many older homes tend to have sagging or sloping floors. If you choose to make repairs to level the floors, repairs can require invasive and extensive work. Troubleshooting the specific cause is outside the scope of the inspection since it typically requires structural analysis of the floor components and/or foundations.

**Task:** Repair when desired or when remodelling

**Cost:** Depends on cause (Joists vs foundations, etc)

### WINDOWS \ General notes

**Condition:** • Aging

Varying ages and styles of windows noted throughout. Many windows have been upgraded in 2018. Upgrade older windows as needed. We typically recommend immediate replacement of windows only when leaky or inoperative windows are found.

**Location:** Various

**Task:** Upgrade

**Time:** When necessary

### WINDOWS \ Glass (glazing)

**Condition:** • [Cracked](#)

**Location:** First Floor Living Room

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** As Needed

**Cost:** Minor



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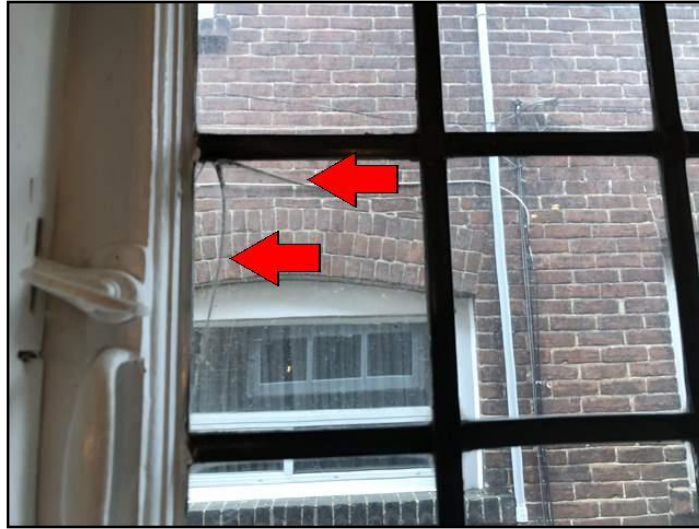
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19. Cracked

## DOORS \ Doors and frames

**Condition:** • Door rubs against floor

**Location:** Second Floor Master Bedroom

**Task:** Adjust or Trim door

**Time:** Regular maintenance

## DOORS \ Hardware

**Condition:** • [Loose](#)

**Location:** Rear Door Knob

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Regular maintenance

**Cost:** Regular maintenance item

## STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

**Condition:** • [Missing](#)

Handrail should be provided on open side

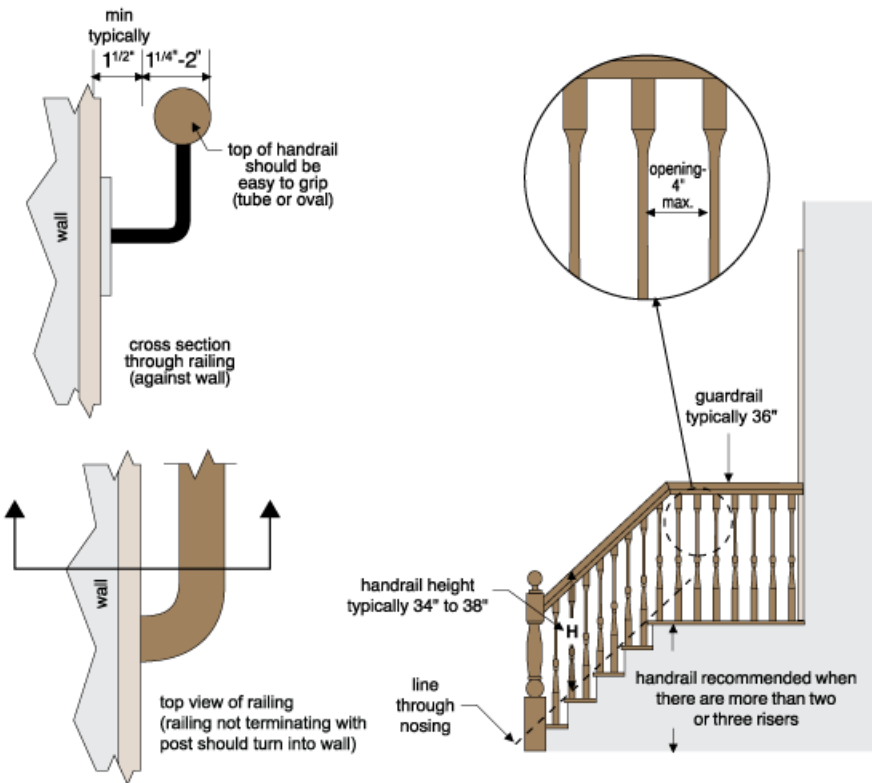
**Location:** Basement Staircase

**Task:** Provide

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** Minor

## Handrails and guards



20. Missing

## EXHAUST FANS \ General notes

Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

Location: Basement Bathroom

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**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** Minor

**Condition:** • [Noisy](#)

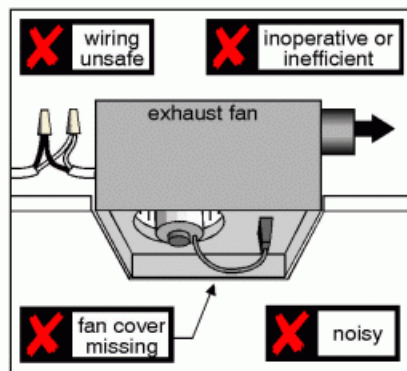
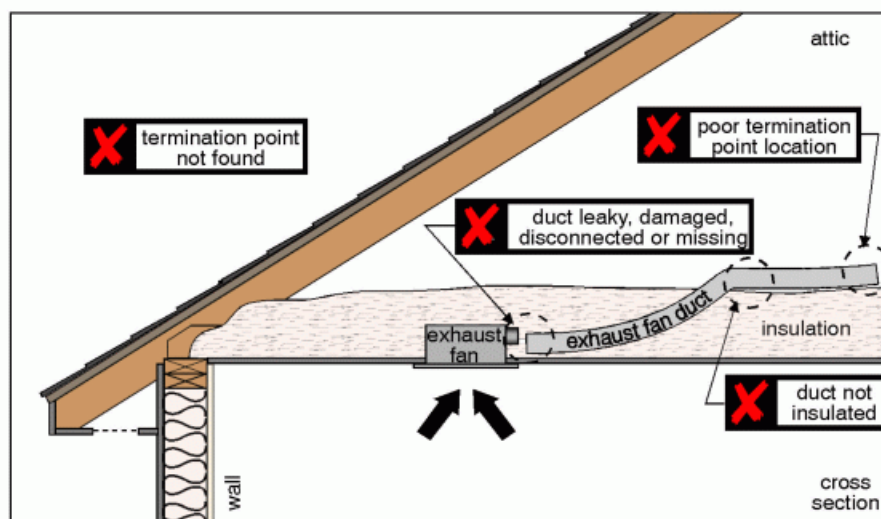
**Location:** Second Floor Bathroom

**Task:** Replace

**Time:** Regular maintenance

**Cost:** Minor

## Exhaust fan conditions



## EXHAUST FANS \ Duct

**Condition:** • [Not insulated in unconditioned space](#)

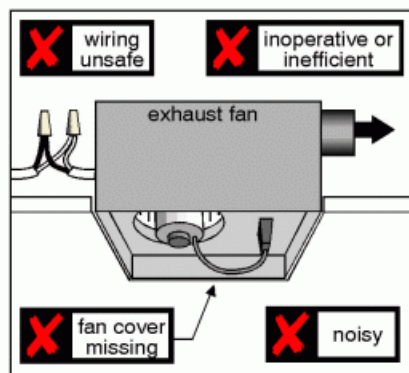
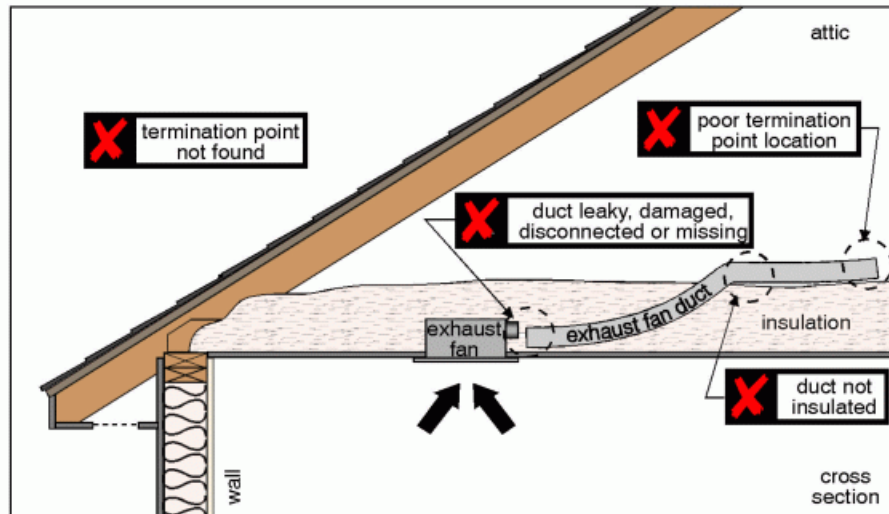
**Location:** Attic

**Task:** Improve

**Time:** Less than 1 year

**Cost:** Minor

## Exhaust fan conditions



21. Not insulated in unconditioned space

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## **BASEMENT \ Leakage**

**Condition:** • \*\*\*FOR FUTURE REFERENCE\*\*\* Basement Leakage 4-step method.

Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it's impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our inspection, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps: 1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost) 2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.) 3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$300 to \$600 per crack or hole.) 4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

## **BASEMENT \ Wet basements - vulnerability**

**Condition:** • Typical of many homes with stone, brick, or block foundations, some moisture can be expected from time to time and is not unusual. Exterior grading and water management improvements are generally effective at reducing basement moisture. A dehumidifier can also be used to keep humidity levels down.

## **Inspection Methods and Limitations**

**General:** • Up until about 1985, Asbestos was used in a multitude of building materials including but not limited to: Insulation on hydronic piping, attic insulation, flooring and ceiling tiles, stucco / stipple ceilings, glue, insulation around heating ducts and registers, plaster and so on. Identification of asbestos is outside the scope of a home inspection. If you have concerns about asbestos, consult with a professional environmental company that specializes with asbestos lab testing. If you plan to remove/disturb any building material, testing for asbestos is recommended beforehand.

**Inspection limited/prevented by:** • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint • Storage in closets and cabinets / cupboards

**Not included as part of a building inspection:** • Carbon monoxide alarms (detectors), security systems, central vacuum • Cosmetic issues • Appliances • Perimeter drainage tile around foundation, if any

**Cosmetics:** • No comment offered on cosmetic finishes

**Appliances:** • Appliances are not inspected as part of a building inspection • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

**Percent of foundation not visible:** • 95 %

**Basement leakage:** • Storage in basement limited inspection • Basement leakage is common. Most basements will experience leakage at some point. We cannot predict future occurrence or extent of basement leakage • Monitor the basement for leaks in the Spring.



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## Descriptions

**General:** • [Low concentrations of CO can go undetected and can contribute to ongoing, unidentified illnesses. At high concentrations, it can be deadly.](#) • [Serious structural problems in houses are not very common, but when they occur they are never cheap to fix. Some cant be fixed at all. This report wont turn you into a home inspector, but it will give you some of the common indicators.](#) • [There are so many home maintenance and repair items that are important; it can be confusing trying to establish which are the most critical.](#) • [\(Life Cycles and Costs\)](#) • [This report will deal with the simpler topic of home repair--basically replacing things that are worn out or fixing things that are broken.](#) • [Common Building Technical Terms Explained](#)

**General:** • [The Inspection Professionals Website](#)

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## Descriptions

**GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS:** • The following items apply to all homes and explain how to prevent and correct some common problems.

**Roof Leaks:** • Roofs may leak at any time. Leaks often appear at roof penetrations, flashings, changes in direction or changes in material. A roof leak should be addressed promptly to avoid damage to the structure, interior finishes and furnishings. A roof leak does not necessarily mean the roof has to be replaced.

**Annual Roof Maintenance:** • We recommend an annual inspection and tune-up to minimize the risk of leakage and to maximize the life of your roof.

**Ice Dams on Roofs:** • [Most roofs are susceptible to ice dams under the right weather conditions. This is where ice forms](#) at the lower edge of a sloped roof, causing melting water from above to back up under the shingles. We cannot predict which roofs will suffer the most damage under adverse weather.

**Maintaining the Exterior of Your Home:** • Regular maintenance includes painting and caulking of all exterior wood.

**Insulation Amounts - Current Standards:** • R-50

**Reduce Air Leaks:** • Insulation is not effective if air (and the heat that goes with it) can escape from the home. Caulking and weather-stripping help control air leakage, improving comfort while reducing energy consumption and costs. Air leakage control improvements are inexpensive and provide a high return on investment.

**Bathtub and Shower Maintenance:** • Caulking and grout in bathtubs and showers should be checked every six months and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and damage behind wall surfaces.

**Basement/Crawlspace Leakage:** • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. • [Click for](#) more information.

**MORE GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL HOMES:** • Here is some more information that applies to all homes.

**MORE GOOD INFORMATION:** • The following links give you access to documents that provide additional information on a range of topics.

**Life Cycles and Costs:** • [Ballpark estimates based on a typical three-bedroom home.](#)

**Priority Items for Home Buyers:** • [A list of things you should do when moving into your new home and a few regular](#) maintenance items.

**Maintenance:** • [Scheduled maintenance can avoid repairs and extend the life expectancy of many home components.](#) This document helps you look after your home.

**When Things Go Wrong:** • [Unpleasant surprises are unfortunately part of homeownership. This document helps to](#) explain why things happen and why your home inspector may not have predicted it.

**Standards of Practice:** • [This document sets out what a professional home inspection should include, and guides the](#) activities of our inspectors.

**END OF REPORT**



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**This is a copy of our home inspection contract and outlines the terms,  
limitations and conditions of the home inspection**

THIS CONTRACT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME INSPECTION COMPANY AND INSPECTOR.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

The Inspection of this property is subject to the Limitations and Conditions set out in this Agreement. It is based on a visual examination of the readily accessible features of the building. The Inspection is performed in accordance with the Standards of Practice of the Ontario Association of Home Inspectors. A copy of these Standards is available at <http://www.oahi.com/webdocs/StandardsofPractice-OAHI-Rev.pdf>.

The Home Inspector's report is an opinion of the present condition of the property. The Inspection and report are not a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy with regards to the property. A Home Inspector cannot predict future deficiencies, intermittent problems or future water leakage.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: Due to the unpredictable nature of basement water leakage, a home inspector cannot predict future basement leakage. Almost all basements will leak at some point so there is a very good chance that it will happen. Basement leakage can occur for any number of reasons - Rainfall, sewer backup, high water tables, lot grading, clogged weeping tiles, gutter and downspout performance, just to name a few. The home inspector and The Inspection Professionals accepts no responsibility or liability for future basement water problems.

The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named above. No use of the information by any other party is intended. See item 8 below.

**LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HOME INSPECTION**

These Limitations and Conditions explain the scope of your Home Inspection. Please read them carefully before signing this Agreement.

The purpose of your Home Inspection is to evaluate the general condition of a property. This includes determining whether systems are still performing their intended functions.

There are limitations to the scope of this Inspection. It provides a general overview of the more obvious repairs that may be needed. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The ultimate decision of what to repair or replace is yours. One homeowner may decide that certain conditions require repair or replacement, while another will not.

1. The Home Inspection provides you with a basic overview of the condition of the property. Because your Home Inspector has only a limited amount of time to go through the property, the Inspection is not technically exhaustive. If you have concerns about any of the conditions noted, please consult the text that is referenced in the report.

Some conditions noted, such as foundation cracks or other signs of settling in a house, may either be cosmetic or may indicate a potential structural problem that is beyond the scope of the Home Inspection.

If you are concerned about any conditions noted in the report, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified licensed contractor or engineering specialist. These professionals can provide a more detailed analysis of any conditions noted in the report at an additional cost.

2. A Home Inspection does not include identifying defects that are hidden behind walls, floors or ceilings. This includes wiring, structure, plumbing and insulation that is hidden or inaccessible.

Some intermittent conditions may not be obvious on a Home Inspection because they only happen under certain circumstances. As an example, your Home Inspector may not discover leaks that occur only during certain weather conditions or when a specific tap or appliance is being used in everyday life.

Home Inspectors will not find conditions that may only be visible when storage or furniture is moved. Inspectors do not remove wall coverings, including wallpaper, or lift flooring, including carpet to look underneath.

A Home Inspection is a sampling exercise with respect to house components that are numerous, such as bricks, windows and electrical receptacles. As a result, some conditions that are visible may go un-reported.

3. The Inspection does not include hazardous materials that may be in or behind the walls, floors or ceilings of the property, whether visible or not. This includes building materials that are now suspected of posing a risk to health such as phenol-formaldehyde and urea-formaldehyde based products, fiberglass insulation and vermiculite insulation. The Inspector does not identify asbestos roofing, siding, wall, ceiling or floor finishes, insulation or fire proofing. We do not look for lead or other toxic metals in such things as pipes, paint or window coverings.

The Inspection does not deal with environmental hazards such as the past use of insecticides, fungicides, herbicide's or pesticides. The Inspector does not look for, or comment on, the past use of chemical termite treatments in or around the property.

4. We are not responsible for and do not comment on the quality of air in a building. The Inspector does not try to determine if there are irritants, pollutants, contaminants, or toxic materials in or around the building. The Inspection does not include spores, fungus, mold or mildew including that which may be concealed behind walls or under floors, for example. You should note that whenever there is water damage, there is a possibility that visible or concealed mold or mildew may be present unseen behind a wall, floor or ceiling.



If anyone in the home suffers from allergies or heightened sensitivity to quality of air, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified Environmental Consultant who can test for toxic materials, mold and allergens.

5. Your Home Inspector does not look for, and is not responsible for, fuel oil, septic or gasoline tanks that may be buried on the property. If fuel oil or other storage tanks remain on the property, you may be responsible for their removal and the safe disposal of any contaminated soil. If you suspect there is a buried tank, we strongly recommend that you retain a qualified Environmental Consultant to determine whether this is a potential problem.

6. We will have no liability for any claim or complaint if conditions have been disturbed, altered, repaired, replaced, or otherwise changed before we have had a reasonable period of time to investigate.

7. The Client understands and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this contract. The Client has the authority to bind any other family members or other interested parties to this Contract.

8. REPORT IS FOR OUR CLIENT ONLY. The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named herein. The client may provide the report to prospective buyers, at their own discretion. Potential buyers are required to obtain their own Onsite Review with The Inspection Professionals if they intend to rely on this report. The Inspection Professionals will not be responsible for the use of or reliance upon this Report by any third party without an Onsite Review and transfer of report to client after they have agreed to our inspection agreement.

9. The liability of the Home Inspector (and the Home Inspection Company) arising out of this Inspection and Report, for any cause of action whatsoever, whether in contract or in negligence, is limited to a refund of the fees that you have been charged for this inspection

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Click on any link to read about that system.

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