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Home Inspections – Infrared Image Inspections  
Radon Testing – Investigative Consulting

## **SCOPE OF THE INSPECTION** **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. Our goal is to identify existing problems that would affect a typical purchaser's buying decision. 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 of all encompassing defects. Many minor items may be mentioned in the report, but all minor items are not reported. The ultimate decision of what to repair is yours. One homeowner may decide that the certain conditions require repairs 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 section of the Home Reference Book text that is referenced to 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 problem that is beyond the scope of the Home Inspections.

If you are concerned about any condition noted in the Home Inspection Report, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified Licensed Contractor or Engineer 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 are hidden or inaccessible.**

Some intermittent problems 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 weather conditions.

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

**3. The Inspection does not include hazardous materials that may be in or behind the walls, floors or ceilings of the property.**

This includes building materials that are now suspect of posing a risk to health such as phenol-formaldehyde based products, fiberglass insulation and vermiculite insulation. The Inspector does not identify asbestos roofing, siding, wall, ceiling or floor finishes, insulation or fireproofing. 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, herbicides or pesticides. The Home 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 we do not comment on the quality of air in the 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 present behind walls or under floors. You should note that whenever there is water damage noted in the report, there is a possibility that mold or mildew may be present, unseen behind a wall, floor or ceiling.

If anyone in your 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 at additional cost.

**5. The 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 tanks remain on the property, you may be responsible for their removal and 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.

**I have read, understood and accepted the above Limitations and Conditions of this Home Inspection.**

**Sign X**

**Date**

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To reduce the risk of home ownership, we strongly recommend that you obtain a home warranty for mechanical failures. The inspection report is not complete unless accompanied by the Home Reference Book.

**Note:** *The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client. No use of the information by any other party is intended.*