

## **Finding the Best Location**

Choosing the right house is more than just finding the one with enough space to suit your family's needs. Facilities and services also have to be located conveniently for all the members of your family.

Following is a list of important questions to ask yourself. Hopefully they will help you to find out if the property that you are considering meets the requirements of your family members.

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>NEIGHBOURHOOD</b>		
1. Is the neighbourhood quiet, safe and clean?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Are the streets well lit at night?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are there adequate day care facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are the streets and sidewalks well maintained?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Does the type of residential zoning meet your present and future needs?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Does the value of the property in the area tend to increase or decrease?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there active community and cultural associations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>SCHOOLS</b>		
1. Are there schools located conveniently in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is there convenient public transportation to these schools?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PLACE OF WORK</b>		
1. Is the home you are considering located within traveling distance of work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. If you own a car, can you afford to use it to travel to work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are the highways and roads properly maintained between home and work?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RECREATION AND SHOPPING</b>		
1. Is there a shopping centre or grocery store nearby?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Will you have easy access to other shopping facilities?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Are there playgrounds in the neighbourhood?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Are the playgrounds supervised?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Are there recreational and cultural associations in the area?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Do you have relatives and friends close by?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>PLACE OF WORSHIP</b>		
1. Does the community have your chosen place of worship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have answered **NO** to several of these questions then you would be wise to consider other properties that do have the services and facilities that more closely meet your family members' needs.