

Shaking the Foundation...making sure it is well constructed

Buying a home should be an investment to last so it is vitally important that you are sure of the quality of the building that you are considering. Looks can be deceiving.

Consider every feature of the home you are buying whether it is brand new or an older one. Future comfort and safety may depend on it. You don't have to be an expert to know what to look for but some faults are hidden or not easily seen. A building inspector can be your x-ray vision in this case and should be considered a wise investment in time and money well spent.

Dampness, peeling paint and cracked walls is easy to spot but a quick look for surface flaws is not enough. Consideration has to be given to heating costs as they continue to rise and do you know enough to understand if the building is adequately insulated. The plumbing and electrical systems need to be inspected not only for defects to ensure your safety but to make sure that they will provide for your family's requirements.

There are several ways in which you can protect yourself but a thorough investigation and inspection by a certified professional will save you more than time in long run and it can save you money.