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266 Delaware Avenue
Toronto, ON M6H 2T6

PREPARED FOR:
GILLIAN RITCHIE

INSPECTION DATE:
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Dear Gillian Ritchie,

RE: Report No. 8994, v.4
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HIGHLIGHTS:

This 1898 solid masonry home on stone foundations is in good condition overall compared to homes of similar age and style.
The electrical service is 100 amps with substantially upgraded copper wiring throughout.
Both the high-efficiency furnace and air conditioner are approximately 5 years old.
The domestic hot water heater is 6 years old.
Several windows have been updated are premium quality energy efficient units.
Numerous interior updates have been completed, including kitchen and bathroom improvements and updated main floor finishes.
As is typical for homes of this age, there is a mix of newer and older systems and components.

IMPORTANT NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT

This summary outlines some of the potentially significant issues that may require short-term attention due to cost, safety, or performance concerns. This section is provided as a courtesy only and is not a substitute for reading the entire report. Please review the full report in detail.

It is not possible for a home inspector to predict the future. We recommend budgeting between 0.5% to 1% of the home's value annually for unforeseen repairs and maintenance. This applies to any property you may consider. Things will wear out, break down, and fail without warning. This is a normal part of home ownership.

This inspection was performed in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice.

NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS.

NOTE: THE TERM 'MINOR' GENERALLY REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$1000.

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES, "FRONT" OF HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE OUTSIDE.

During a home inspection, we evaluate all visible systems and components. Hundreds of potential minor issues exist in every home old or new. This inspection is not a technical audit. (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.

For clarity, major issues generally fall into four categories:

- 1) OBSERVABLE STRUCTURAL DEFECTS
- 2) OBSERVABLE WATER LEAKAGE OR DAMAGE -- Roofing, Plumbing, and Basement.
- 3) OBSERVABLE ELECTRICAL DEFECTS
- 4) LIFESPAN SYSTEMS -- Roof Covering, Heating, Cooling, Windows

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For approximate cost guidance on common home components, click here:

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

Roofing

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Snow on roof limited/restricted inspection. Inspect roof when accessible once snow and ice have cleared.

Location: Throughout Exterior Roofs

Exterior

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

A door opens directly onto a flat roof with no guardrails or protective barriers. To reduce the fall hazard, either:

1. Install a guardrail at the door to prevent access to the roof, or
2. Provide guards and spindles around the roof perimeter if it is intended as a walkable space.

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Rear third floor

Task: Provide Guardrails

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

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 home inspection. These may have to be adjusted based on the findings of specialists.

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

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

Flat roofing material: • [Modified bitumen membrane](#)

Approximate age: • Based on information provided by the current owner, when the property was purchased in November 2021 the seller at that time reported the roof coverings to be approximately five years old. This would place the roof coverings at approximately nine to ten years old at the time of inspection.

Typical life expectancy: • 15-25 years

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

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

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Annual roof tune-ups are recommended to find and repair damage to roofing materials, flashings and caulking. Roof tune-ups reduce the risk of leaks and resulting water damage and help extend the service life of the roof.

Location: Exterior Roof

Task: Inspect annually

Time: Ongoing

Condition: • Snow on roof limited/restricted inspection. Inspect roof when accessible once snow and ice have cleared.

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FLAT ROOF FLASHINGS \ Installation

Condition: • [Open at seams or ends](#)

Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

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1. Open at seams or ends

Inspection Methods and Limitations

General and Best Practices: • 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 • • Roof replacement best practices - Strip Roof Covering when replacing. When replacing a roof covering, it is best practice to remove the old layer before installing the new one. While adding a new layer over the existing roof is sometimes done to reduce costs, it can conceal damaged roof boards, flashings, or other components. Installing a third layer is not recommended. Hidden defects are often only discovered during the tear-off process.

Inspection limited/prevented by:

- Snow/ice/frost

Due to significant snow accumulation at the time of inspection, roof-related components could not be evaluated. Once snow conditions permit, these areas should be re-evaluated to confirm overall condition.

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

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

Lot slope: • Not determined due to snow

Wall surfaces and trim: • [Stucco](#)

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

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Exterior issues noted have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, moisture intrusion, personal safety, shortened life expectancy of materials, and material deterioration

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts

Condition: • [Not well secured](#)

Location: Left Exterior

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year / Regular maintenance



2. Not well secured



3. Not well secured

WALLS \ Flashings and caulking

Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - Caulking around windows, doors, and wall penetrations should be inspected regularly and improved as needed to prevent moisture entry and air leakage.

WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - 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

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Condition: • Masonry and/or mortar deterioration

Tuckpoint / Repoint mortar and patch/repair spalled masonry. This is typical maintenance for a home of this age.

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair

Time: Ongoing Regular maintenance



4. one example

WALLS \ Stucco

Condition: • [Minor cracks](#)

Location: Various

Task: Patch

Time: Regular maintenance



5. Minor cracks example

DOORS \ Exterior trim

Condition: • [Caulking missing, deteriorated or loose](#)

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Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Seal

Time: Less than 1 year / Regular maintenance

Cost: Minor



6. Caulking missing, deteriorated or loose

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7. Missing

Condition: • Inspect when snow melts. Improve as needed.

BASEMENT WALKOUTS \ General notes

Condition: • Basement walk-out areas snow covered at time of inspection.

Due to snow accumulation at the time of inspection, the basement walk-out areas could not be fully evaluated. Wall surfaces, steps, railings, thresholds, and adjacent grading were obscured and not visible.

Implication(s): Conditions related to drainage, moisture entry, material deterioration, or safety cannot be confirmed when areas are snow covered.

Location: Front and Rear Exterior walkouts

Task: Re-evaluate once snow has cleared

Time: When conditions permit



8. Rear walkout



9. Front walkout

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Condition: • Ensure basement walkout openings are protected with guards and steps are provided with handrails.

Location: Basement walkouts

Task: Provide

Time: As required

LANDSCAPING \ Lot grading

Condition: • When the snow melts, ensure that the grading around the home is promoting drainage of water away from the home.

Condition: • FOR ALL HOMES - During rainfall, walk the perimeter of the home to observe whether any areas allow water to drain toward the foundation. Improve grading in those areas as needed to promote proper drainage away from the structure.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • The following are minor exterior deficiencies and upkeep items noted during the inspection. These are common for the age of the home and should be addressed through routine maintenance to reduce risk of deterioration or moisture intrusion:

- Step rise too high or not uniform - front steps - Improve when practical

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair or Replace or Improve or Monitor

Time: Regular maintenance / Routine upkeep

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by:

- Inaccessible wall
- Snow / ice / frost

Due to significant snow accumulation at the time of inspection, certain exterior components could not be fully evaluated. These limitations included, but were not limited to downspout discharge points, exterior grading, foundation surfaces, deck components, and basement walk-out areas (walls, steps, railings, and thresholds).

Once snow conditions permit, these areas should be re-evaluated to confirm proper drainage, clearances, and overall condition. Concerns related to moisture management, exterior deterioration, or safety may only become evident after snow melt.

No or limited access to:

- Space between buildings

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10. Space between buildings

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Underground components (e.g., oil tanks, septic fields, underground drainage systems)

Descriptions

Configuration: • [Basement](#)

Foundation material: • [Stone](#)

Floor construction: • [Joists](#)

Exterior wall construction: • [Masonry](#)

Roof and ceiling framing: • Not visible

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Structure issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, weakened structure, chance of structural movement, and personal safety

FOUNDATIONS \ General notes

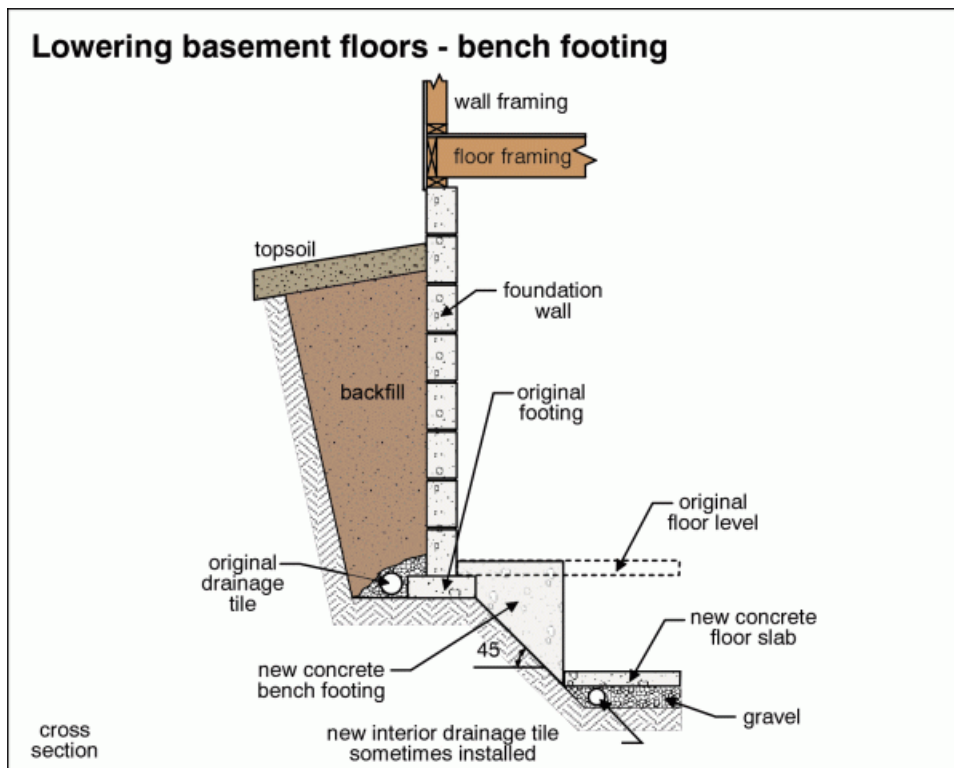
Condition: • [Basement lowered](#)

For your information only - basement has been lowered in the past using bench footing method, which is one of the common methods used.

If you would like more information, click the blue hyperlink.

Location: Various Basement

Task: For Your Information





11. Basement lowered

Condition: • Typical Minor Cracks - Block, Brick, Stone

Almost all houses with concrete block, brick or stone foundations have minor settlement and/or cracks. Monitor all cracks for movement and nuisance water leakage. Repair cracks only if necessary

Implication(s): Damage to contents, finishes and/or structure / Nuisance

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Monitor / Repair

Time: Ongoing / If necessary

FLOORS \ Concrete slabs

Condition: • Concrete basement, crawlspace and garage floors are not typically part of the structure. Almost all basement, crawlspace and garage concrete floors have minor shrinkage and settlement cracks.

Location: Various

WALLS \ Solid masonry walls

Condition: • [Prior repairs](#)

It is common to find a multitude of masonry/mortar wall repairs on homes of this age

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: For Your Information / Monitor

Inspection Methods and Limitations

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

Attic/roof space: • The attic has been converted to a living space at some point in past.

The roof space (the small area between the ceiling and roof cannot be viewed during an inspection)

Percent of foundation not visible: • 99 %

Not included as part of a building inspection: • An opinion about the adequacy of structural components

Descriptions

General: • ALL ELECTRICAL CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

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

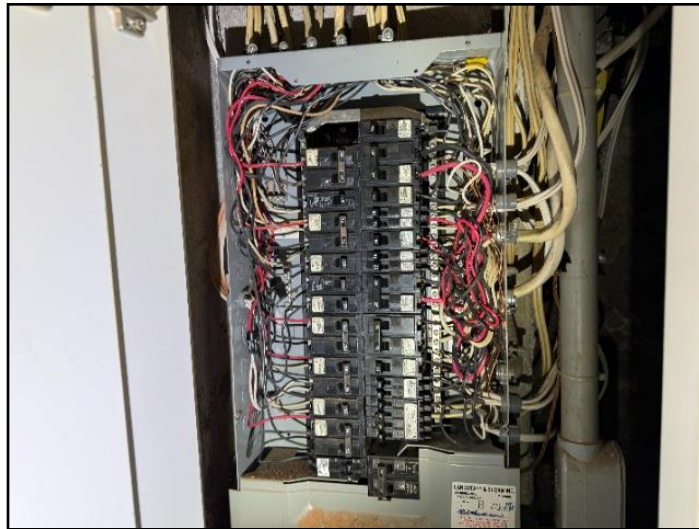
Service size: • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

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

System grounding material and type: • [Copper - water pipe](#)

Distribution panel type and location:

• [Breakers - basement](#)



12. Breakers - basement

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

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

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

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

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

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • ALL ELECTRICAL recommendations are safety-related. POTENTIAL worst-case implications include fire and shock hazards. Treat them as high-priority items and assume the time frame is Immediate / As soon as possible unless otherwise noted.

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

Implication(s): Equipment inoperative

Location: Front Primary bedroom (one outlet)

Task: Repair / Replace

Time: Prior to first use

Cost: Minor

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ GFCI (Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter) protection not noted at

Condition: • Within 6 ft. of the outer edge of a kitchen sink or laundry tub

Implication(s): Electric shock

Location: Kitchen near sink

Task: Upgrade to GFI outlets

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • General safety reminder for ALL homes -

Smoke and carbon monoxide (CO) detectors should be installed on every floor level. Smoke detectors should be located near all sleeping areas, and CO detectors should be present near fuel-burning appliances, fireplaces, or attached garages.

These devices are not tested during the home inspection. Regardless of visible condition, detectors should be tested regularly and replaced every 10 years. If the age is unknown, replacement is recommended as a precaution. Batteries should be changed annually.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • Electrical maintenance items noted below are generally straightforward to address but should still be treated as safety-related. These types of issues are common in many homes and may be corrected as part of routine electrical maintenance:

- Opening at panel - Distribution panel - Provide knockout seal
- White wire connected to breaker not identified as hot wire - Electrical panel - Correct with proper marking
- Handle tie missing at multi-wire branch circuit- Electrical panel - Have electrician verify and provide handle tie if necessary.
- Double tap (lugging) wiring at breaker - Electrical panel - Correct

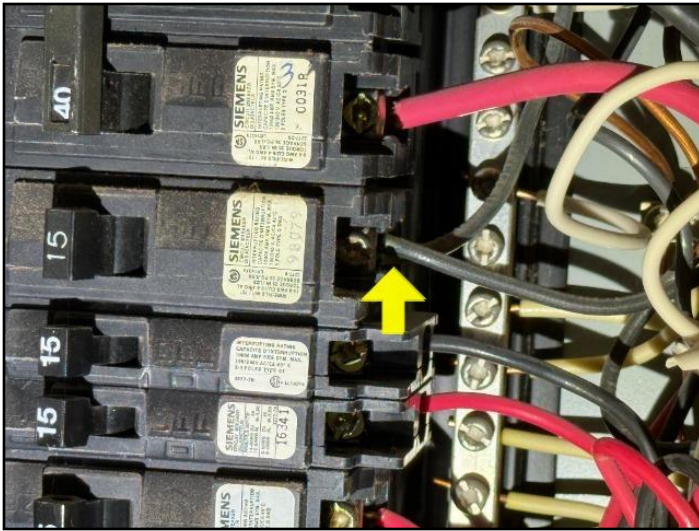
Implication(s): Fire and/or shock hazards

Location: Various

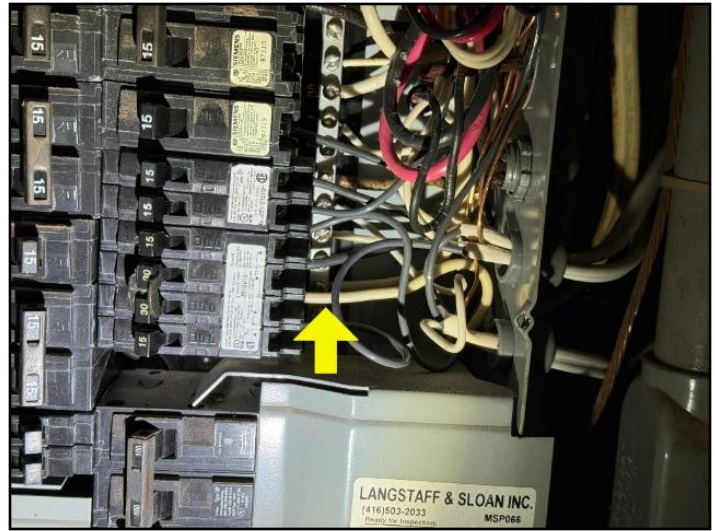
Task: Correct

Time: As soon as possible

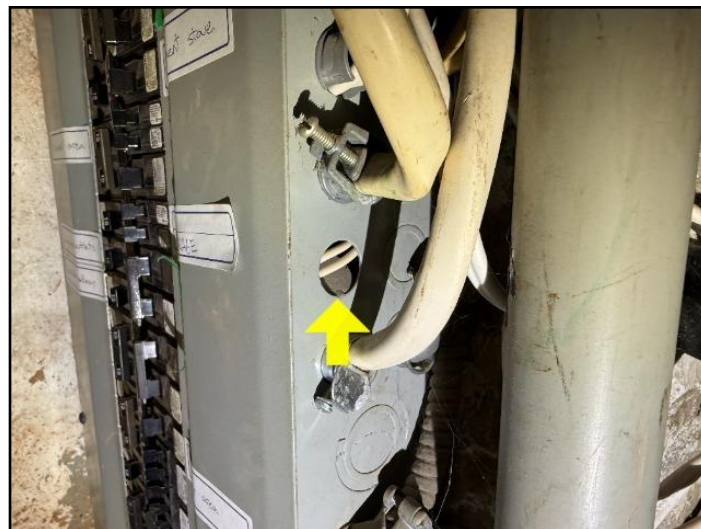
Cost: Regular maintenance



13. Double taps



14. White wires connected to breakers not...



15. Opening in panel

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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Heating system type: • [Furnace](#)

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

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

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

Efficiency: • [High-efficiency](#)

Approximate age: • [5 years](#)

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

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter

Fireplace/stove: • Decorative only • Non-functional

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

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

Location: Basement Furnace Room

Task: Service annually

Time: Ongoing

Cost: Regular maintenance item

GAS FURNACE \ Ducts, registers and grilles

Condition: • Typical of an older layout, some of the registers are at interior walls and/or floors and not below the windows. Provide auxiliary heating near windows if necessary (baseboards for example)

Location: Various

Task: Provide auxiliary heat source

Time: If necessary

Cost: Depends on approach

CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap (crown)

Condition: • [No drip edge on cap \(crown\)](#)

see illustration

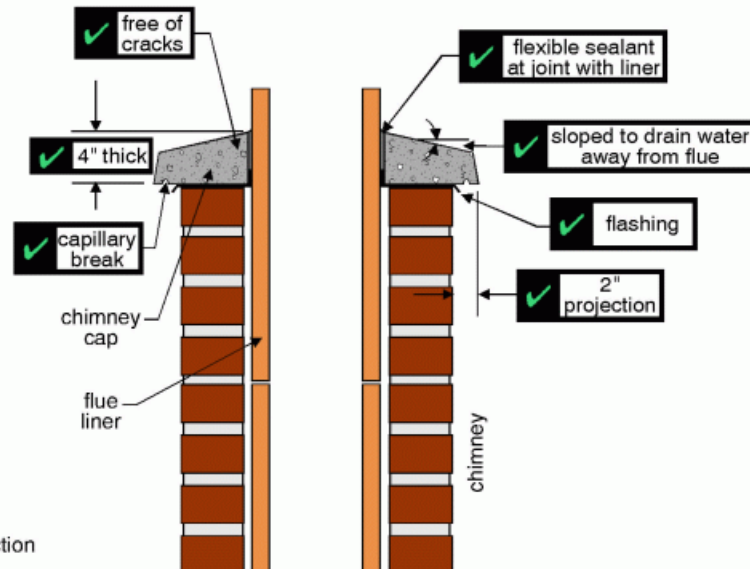
Location: Exterior chimney

Task: Provide

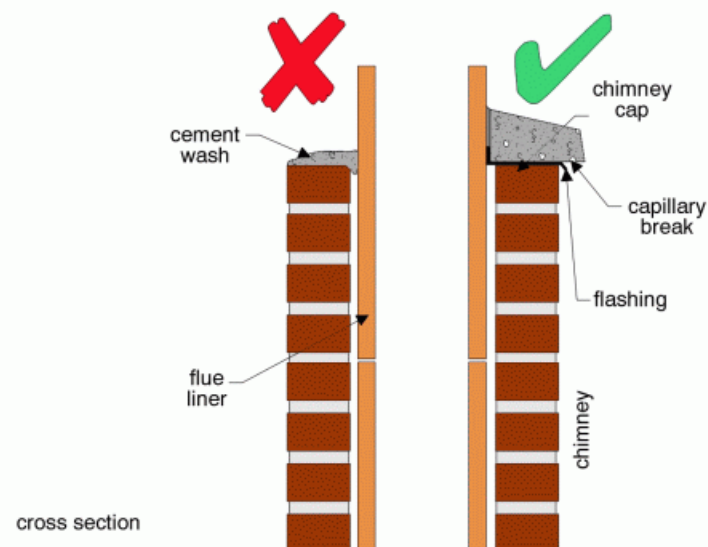
Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: \$800 - and up

What makes a good chimney cap?



Drip edge on cap



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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

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

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

Compressor approximate age: • 5 years, Installed May 2021

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.

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • No air conditioning or heat pump recommendations are offered as a result of this inspection.

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Low outdoor temperature • Cooling systems are not operated when the outdoor temperature is below 60°F

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

Window unit: • Window A/C excluded from inspection

INSULATION AND VENTILATION

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Attic/roof insulation material: • Not visible

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • [Not visible](#)

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Not visible](#)

Attic/roof ventilation: • [None found](#)

Foundation wall insulation material: • Not visible

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

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

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to: • Roof space

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Descriptions

General: • Several components have been updated

Service piping into building: • [Copper](#)

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

Main water shut off valve at the:

• Main water shut off valve - Front of the basement



16. Main water shut off valve - Front of the...

Water flow and pressure: • [Functional](#)

Water heater type: • [Conventional](#)

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

Water heater tank capacity: • 40 US gallons • 151 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 6 years

Water heater typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

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

Floor drain location: • Center of basement

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Plumbing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure, no hot or cold water, leakage, possible hidden damage, difficult to service, sewage entering building, health hazards.

Condition: • Grout and Caulking should be checked regularly and maintained to ensure water tight seal in bathtub and shower areas.

Location: Throughout Bathrooms

Task: Improve

Time: Ongoing regular maintenance

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: • GENERAL RECOMMENDATION FOR ALL HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1975 - 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, however many companies will rebate the cost if work is to be completed.

FIXTURES AND FAUCETS \ Bathtub enclosure

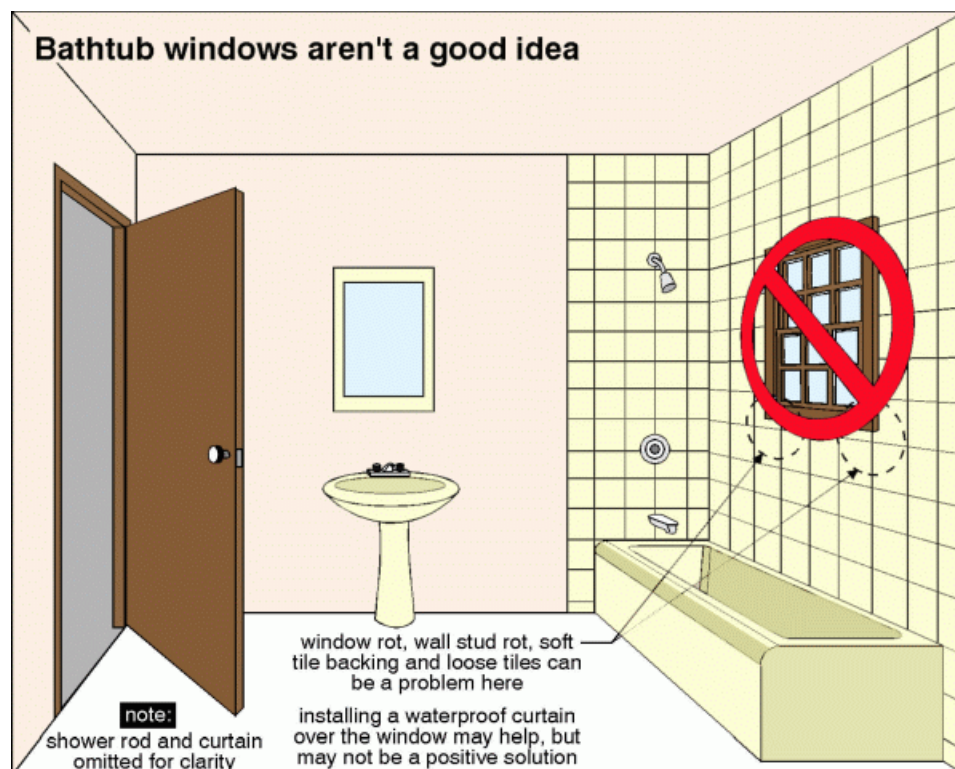
Condition: • [Unprotected window](#)

Windows in bathtub area were common when this house was originally built. These windows are vulnerable to water damage. Shower Curtain can provide temporary protection. Ensure grout and caulking are maintained regularly

Location: Second Floor Bathroom

Task: Protect

Time: Ongoing



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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.

Descriptions

General: • Many interior components have been updated

Major wall and ceiling finishes: • [Plaster/drywall](#)

Windows: • [Fixed](#) • [Single/double hung](#) • [Casement](#)

Glazing: • [Double](#) • [Triple](#)

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. This can include worn or cracked flooring and blemishes on wall/ceilings

WALLS \ Masonry or concrete

Condition: • [Damage](#)

Cracks at parging and concrete block. Some minor displacement noted. Patch all gaps and repair parging. Monitor for movement/activity.

Implication(s): Material deterioration | Damage or physical injury due to falling materials

Location: Front Basement Exterior Storage Area

Task: Repair / Patch

Time: Less than 2 years



17. one example

FLOORS \ Subflooring

Condition: • Slope or Sag Noted.

Some minor sloping or sagging or uneven floors were observed in various areas of the home. These conditions are common in houses of this age and reflect normal settlement and wear over time. No immediate structural concerns were

noted during the inspection.

Location: Various

Task: Repair when desired or when remodelling

Cost: Depends on cause (Joists / foundations / subfloor, etc)

WINDOWS \ General notes

Condition: • Windows Aging or Mixed Ages

Several windows have been upgraded to newer, premium-quality double-glazed units, and one bedroom window appears to be a triple-glazed unit. Other older windows remain in select areas of the home, including casement windows on the main and second floors and one double-hung window.

The remaining older windows appeared serviceable. Upgrading the remaining older windows can be planned over time as needed.

Location: Various

Task: Replace the remaining aging windows

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$60-\$100 per square foot

STAIRS \ Treads

Condition: • [Width too small](#)

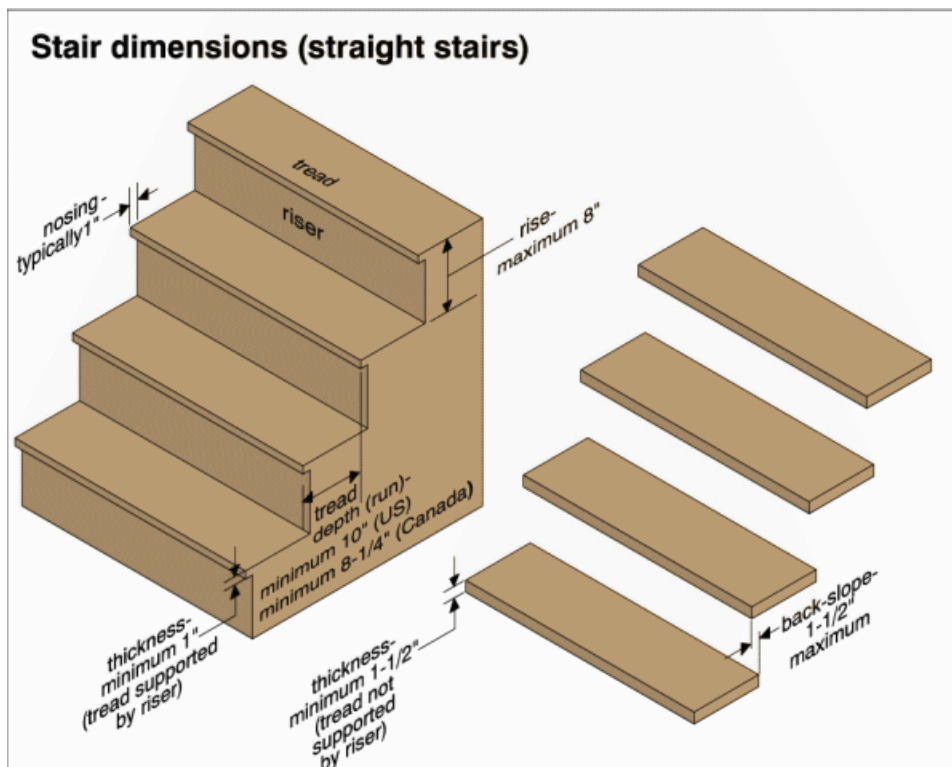
Treads are very narrow. Additionally, handrail is missing.

Implication(s): Trip or fall hazard

Location: Second Floor Staircase

Task: Take precaution when using staircase / Provide handrail

Time: ongoing / less than 1 year



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18. Width too small

STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

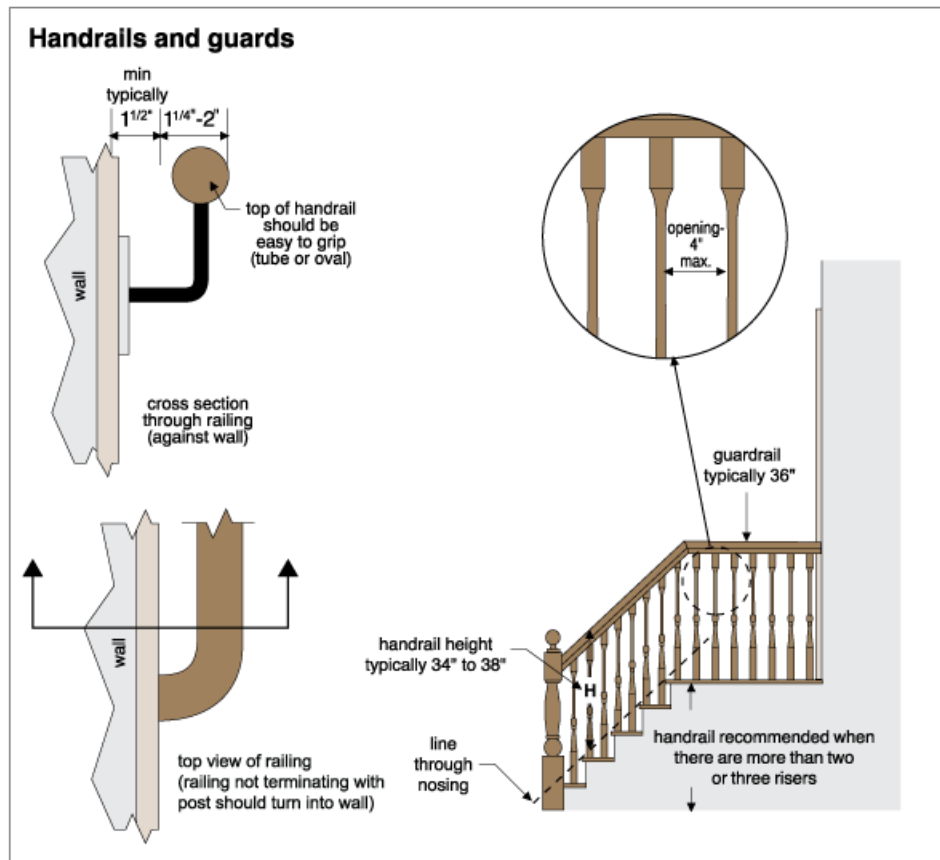
Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Basement and first floor staircases near top of runs

Task: Provide Handrails

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor



STAIRS \ Guardrails

Condition: • [Too low](#)

Below modern standards.

Additionally, spindle spacing is larger than modern requirements.

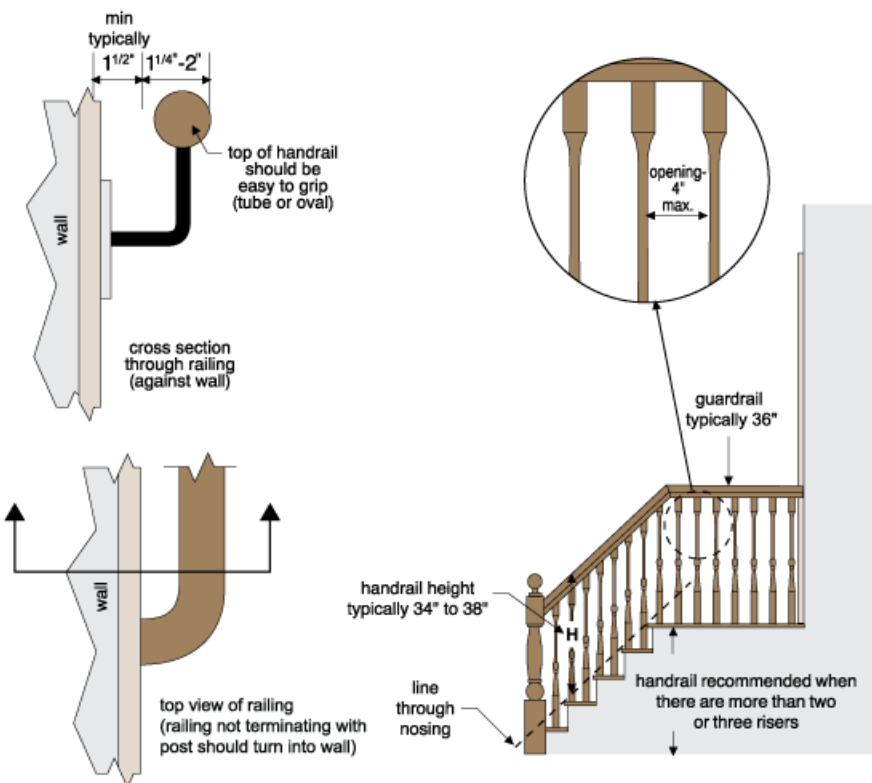
Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Second Floor Hall

Task: Upgrade

Time: As soon as practical

Handrails and guards



19. Too low

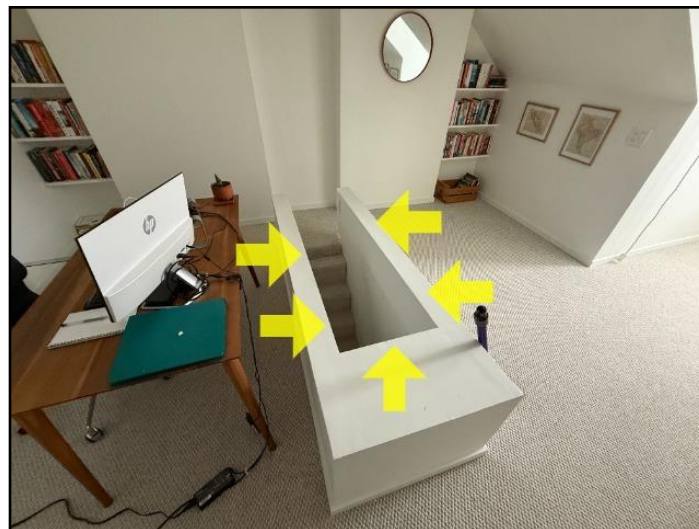
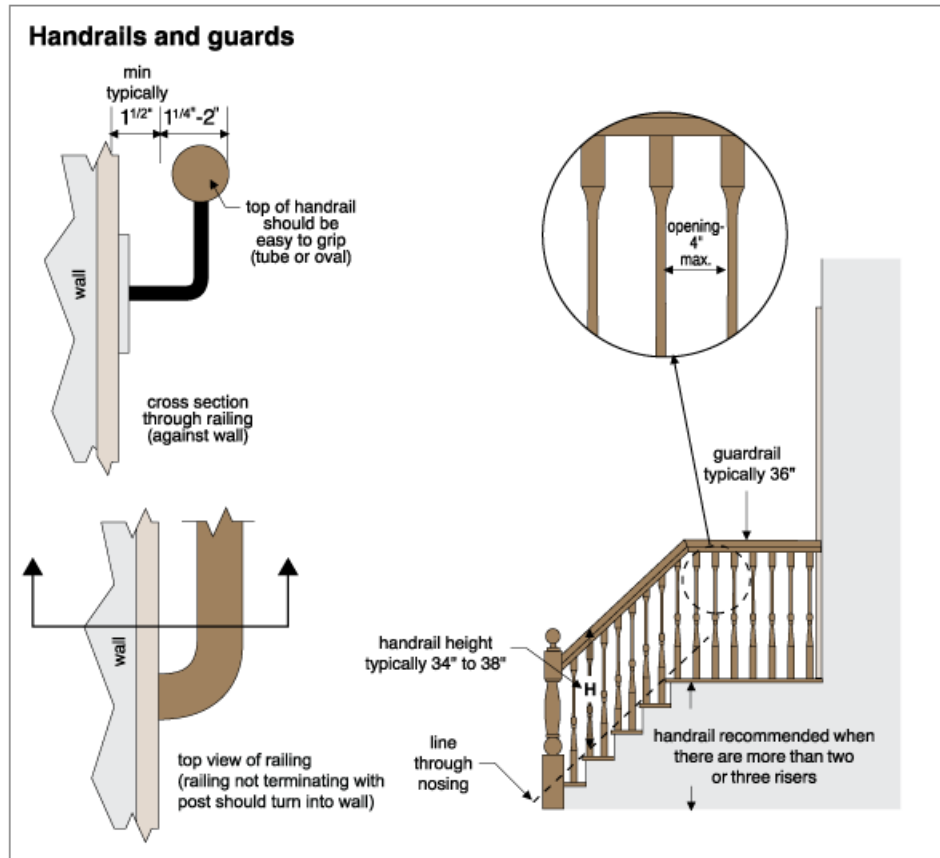
Condition: • [Missing](#)

Implication(s): Fall hazard

Location: Third Floor

Task: Provide guardrails around entire opening

Time: As Soon As Possible



20. Missing

EXHAUST FANS \ General notes

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Exhaust fans in bathrooms are recommended upgrades. While not standard when the house was originally built, when only windows were required, exhaust fans help to remove moisture, which could otherwise contribute to mildew and mold growth.

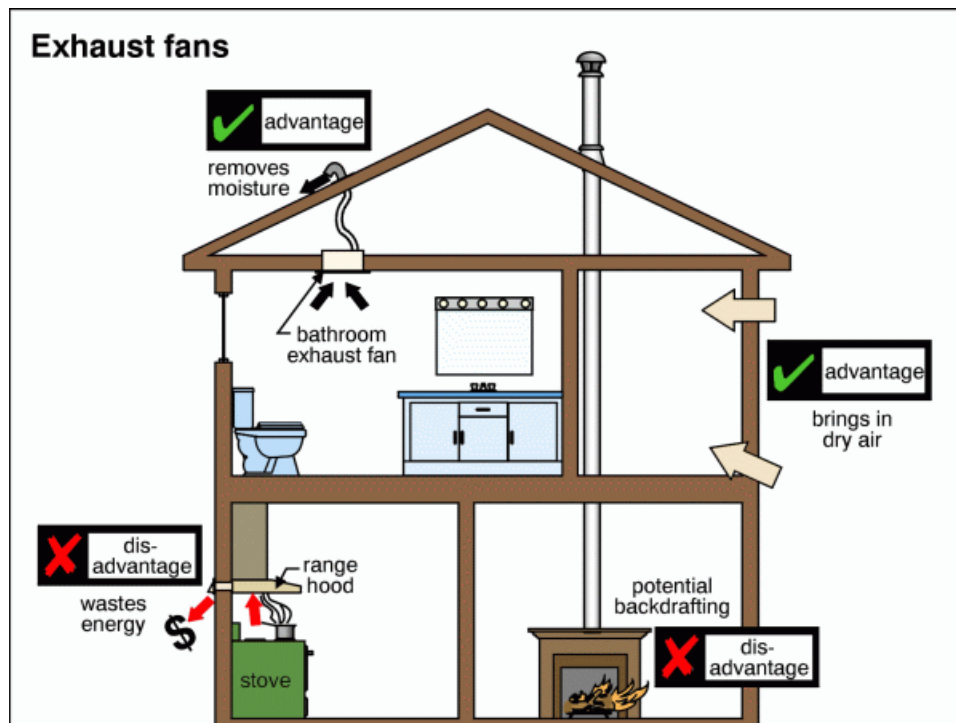
Implication(s): Chance of condensation damage to finishes and/or structure

Location: Basement bathroom

Task: Upgrade

Time: When remodelling or as soon as practical

Cost: Typically \$1500 and up



BASEMENT \ Leakage

Condition: • ***FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*** GENERAL ADVICE FOR ALL HOMES IF BASEMENT LEAKAGE IS EVER OBSERVED

Basement Leakage 4-step method. Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it is 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 \$500 to \$600 per crack or \$300 per 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: • 99 %

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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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. • To manage water drainage around the exterior, ensure that grading (ground) is maintained with a positive slope away from the home and extend any downspouts away from walls and all building components.

Insulation Amounts - Current Standards: • Attic current standards as of 2016 is R-60

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.

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

This inspection was performed in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice. Click the blue link above to view the full document.

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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.

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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

The links below connect you to a series of documents that will help you understand your home and how it works. These are in addition to links attached to specific items in the report.

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