

INSPECTION TIPS EVERY SOUTH FLORIDA REAL ESTATE AGENT SHOULD KNOW



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Helping Transactions Move Smoothly from Contract to Closing

A home inspection can be one of the most important milestones in a real estate transaction. While inspections are designed to provide buyers with valuable information about a property's condition, they can also become a source of stress when unexpected issues arise.

Experienced agents understand that preparation and communication can make all the difference. By helping clients understand the inspection process and addressing common concerns early, agents can keep transactions moving forward while building trust with both buyers and sellers.

1. Set Realistic Expectations with Buyers

- No home is perfect, not even a newly constructed one.
- Most homes have findings.
- Minor defects are common.
- Inspection reports often contain maintenance recommendations.
- Not every issue requires negotiation.

2. Encourage a Comprehensive Inspection

- Wind Mitigation Inspections
- 4-Point Inspections
- Mold Assessments
- Indoor Air Quality Testing
- Sewer Scope Inspections (when applicable)

3. Prepare Sellers Before the Inspection

- Replace burned-out light bulbs
- Change HVAC filters
- Ensure utilities are on
- Unlock electrical panels and attic access points
- Clear access to water heaters, air handlers, and electrical equipment
- Address obvious maintenance issues

4. Understand Common South Florida Inspection Findings

- Aging roofs
- High humidity and moisture intrusion
- HVAC deficiencies

- Electrical panel concerns
- Plumbing leaks
- Older water heaters
- Exterior deterioration caused by sun, wind, and rain

5. Roof Age Matters More Than Ever

- Roof age
- Roof condition
- Permit history
- Remaining useful life

6. Don't Panic Over Every Defect

- Safety concerns
- Major defects
- Significant water intrusion
- Structural issues
- Electrical hazards

7. Encourage Buyers to Attend the Inspection

- Learn how systems operate
- Ask questions
- Identify maintenance needs
- Understand the significance of findings

8. Be Aware of Mold and Indoor Air Quality Concerns

- Musty odors
- Previous water damage
- Elevated indoor humidity
- Visible staining

9. Timing Is Critical

- Report review
- Negotiations
- Additional inspections
- Insurance requirements

10. Partner with a Reliable Home Inspector

- Communicate clearly
- Deliver reports promptly
- Explain findings objectively
- Be available to answer questions
- Help clients understand maintenance and safety concerns

Final Thoughts

Home inspections should not be viewed as obstacles to a successful transaction. Instead, they provide buyers and sellers with valuable information that promotes informed decision-making and transparency.

By preparing clients, understanding common South Florida concerns, and partnering with trusted professionals, agents can help create a smoother inspection experience and a more successful closing process.

At Mike's Home Inspections, we are proud to work with agents throughout South Florida by providing thorough inspections, clear communication, and timely reporting. Our goal is to help agents and their clients navigate the inspection process with confidence.