



# Selecting Your Home

## What To Look For When Walking Through Prospective Homes

- Take your time and think carefully about each house you see.
- Ask your real estate agent to point out the pros and cons of each home from a professional standpoint. Using the HUD Home Scorecard is a great way to keep track of the homes you see and stay organized.
- Many of your questions should focus on potential problems and maintenance issues:
  - Does anything need to be replaced?
  - What things require ongoing maintenance issues? (Painting, roof, heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, appliances, carpet, etc.)
  - Ask about the house and the neighborhood, focusing on quality-of-life issues. Be sure your questions are complete and clear. Ask questions until you understand all the information you're given.
- Making a list of questions ahead of time will help you organize your thoughts and arrange all of the information you receive.

In addition to comparing the home to your minimum requirement and wish lists, First American Title suggests you consider the following:

- Is the house structurally sound?
- Will your furniture fit in the space? Is there enough storage space? (Bring a tape measure to better answer these questions.)
- Does anything need to be repaired or replaced? Will the seller repair or replace the items? Do the mechanical systems and appliances work?
- Do you like the floor plan?
- Will you be happy with the house year round? (Imagine the house in good weather and bad in each season.)
- Is the yard big enough?
- Is there enough room for both the present and the future?
- Are there enough bedrooms and bathrooms?

We hope this information helps you when selecting your home.  
First American is here to help!

