



Homeowner's Chimney, Fireplace Condition Report

Chimney safety should be a concern for every homeowner. Fireplaces and chimneys systems can be dangerous and need to be properly Inspected, monitored and maintained. Repairs to a chimney can be very costly. Here is a general checklist that will help when making your decision on buying a home. Having a home inspection is a great idea however, home inspectors do not fully inspect the chimney. Environmental Contracting Services, INC is licensed and CSIA certified and we can inspect the fireplace/chimney system for you.

Fireplace and Chimney

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
1. Is there a cap on the chimney?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Do you see water stains on the ceiling by the chimney?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is there missing mortar joints?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Is the brick deteriorating?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Is the damper working properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. Is there excessive soot build up?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. Are there smoke stains on brick directly above the fireplace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Do the doors function correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. Does the screen function correctly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. Is there a grate?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. Is there a non combustibile area directly in front of fire place?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. Is there a clean out door in the base of the fire box?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. If so, does it function properly?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. Are there burn marks on the floor in front of the fireplace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Do you see smoke stains on the walls or ceiling?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

General Questions

1. Does the home have a high efficiency furnace?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Is the hot water heater connector pipe the only pipe going into chimney?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If either of the above is true, a liner may be required for draft.

Question to ask pre purchase of a home?

1. When was the last time the chimney was cleaned? 1yr 2yrs 3yrs 4yrs 5yrs Don't know
2. Do you have an inspection report?
3. Has the chimney been relined?
4. Has there ever been a chimney fire?
5. What work if any has been done to the chimney/fireplace? _____

All the aforementioned questions should be answered prior to buying a home. This is a general checklist and not a substitute for a professional inspection.

If you have questions please call. We give free over the phone technical consultation.

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