

Remaining objective can be a difficult task when viewing homes or an open house. It is easy to fall in love with a home's appearance, blind to problems that may make it unsuitable. Here is a handy checklist we've compiled to assist you in your home viewing.

Home is clean and uncluttered
Lawns are cut
Walls are clean and free of chipping
Paint job on walls is in good shape
Ceilings and walls are free of stains and bulges
No loose grout or caulking around bathroom and kitchen tiles
No crumbling grout or caulking around bathroom and kitchen tiles
Lights work well
Faucets work well
Toilets work well
Furnace and air conditioning work well
Major appliances included with sale work well
No soft, springy sections in floors
No excessive squeaking in floors
Doors fit snugly and operate smoothly
Windows fit snugly and operate smoothly
No drafts
No flaked paint
No loose caulking
There is enough storage space on each floor
I looked behind all closed doors
I looked behind suspiciously placed wall coverings
I looked under area rugs

It is also a good practice to take note of storage space. If you are moving from a home with large closets and a shed, make sure your new house is able to store an equivalent amount of belongings.