

PROPERTY DEFECTS DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST WHEN REPRESENTING BUYERS

This checklist includes due diligence activities related to property defects that real estate professionals should undertake when representing buyers. It is not an exhaustive list. Due diligence activities that need to be performed in relation to a potential or actual real estate transaction may vary. Real estate professionals should ensure they document in writing all due diligence activities they perform, including situational details, such as the date, time, manner and where the activity was performed.

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Educate buyer about building and environmental evaluations	
Supply buyer with information regarding:	
 Property inspections and/or specialized building system inspections 	
 Environmental site assessments 	
 Environmental impact assessments 	
Include favourable conditions for buyer in purchase contract	
Discuss with buyer inclusion of applicable building/environmental evaluation	
condition in purchase contract	
If asked by buyer to recommend building/environmental expert:	
Provide names of several qualified individuals	
If remuneration or other compensation is received from expert for making referral:	
Make written disclosure to buyer	
 Obtain buyer's informed consent before proceeding 	
If issue is identified through building/environmental evaluation:	
• Determine if the buyer does not want to proceed with the real estate trade or wants	
to renegotiate the purchase contract	
If buyer decides to renegotiate purchase contract:	
Determine if the buyer wants to be responsible for remedying the identified issues or	
if he/she wants the seller to be responsible for remedying the identified issues	
Advise buyer of advantages/disadvantages of each option	
Inquire if any material latent defects exist	
If material latent defects do exist:	
 Obtain further information and supporting documentation regarding: 	
 Nature of defects 	
 How defects were discovered 	
 When defects were discovered 	
 Remedial measures taken 	
 Remedial measures not yet taken 	_
Convey all information and supporting documentation to buyer	
 Assist buyer understand information and supporting documentation 	
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Inquire if any remedied material latent defects exist	
If remedied material latent defects do exist:	
 Obtain further information and supporting documentation regarding: 	
 Nature of defects 	
 How defects were discovered 	
 When defects were discovered 	
 Remedial measures taken 	
 Remedial measures not yet taken 	
 Convey all information and supporting documentation to buyer 	
 Assist buyer understand information and supporting documentation 	
If seller and his/her real estate professional decline to provide information and supporting	
documentation:	
Advise buyer doctrine of caveat emptor applies	