

how to find a home inspector

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In order to find a home inspector, Dian Hymer, author of "Buying and Selling a Home A Complete Guide," Chronicle Books, San Francisco; 1994, advises looking for someone with demonstrable qualifications. "Ideally, the general inspector you select should be either an engineer, an architect, or a contractor. When possible, hire an inspector who belongs to one of the home inspection trade organizations."

The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) has developed formal inspection guidelines and a professional code of ethics for its members. Membership to ASHI is not automatic; proven field experience and technical knowledge of structures and their various systems and appliances are a prerequisite.

One can usually find an inspector by looking in the phone book or by inquiring at a real estate office or sometimes at an area Realtor association.

Rates for the service vary greatly. Many inspectors charge about \$400, but costs go up with the scope of the inspection.