

Shopping for a new home is one of the most exciting and stressful life events. While it's certainly fun to check out the different houses and imagine yourself living in them, at the same time, finding that "perfect" house can be daunting, time-consuming, at times disappointing, and downright stressful. Of course, the best way to ensure the process goes smoothly is to be specific in what you're looking for, the budget you are working with, and what you will and will not accept.



With that said, here's a look at red flags you will want to be aware of before making an offer on a home.

A Lot of Homes for Sale in the Neighborhood

While it may seem like a jackpot that there are so many homes to choose from in a particular neighborhood, this can also be a red flag. Why the mass exodus, what is prompting everyone to sell at the same time? Sure it could be totally harmless and nothing to the story at all, but at the same time, it's worth a little investigating and asking questions.

This is when it can be helpful to work with a realtor, as they can offer some insight.

The Home Is in Need of Major Repairs

While there are certainly those that don't shy away from a DIY challenge, other buyers want to be able to move in and have things relatively ready to go. If there are massive repairs needed, then you're going to need a budget to get it done. Some of the most costly projects can include [new windows](#), a new roof, [foundation issues](#), and a new furnace.

Is There Lead Paint in the House?

If you've been looking at older homes and they tend to fit your personal style a little better, then you'll need to be hyper-aware of the potential of lead paint in the home. Basically, any of the houses built before 1978 here in the United States would have contained at least traces of lead in the paint that was used. Lead-based paints were the norm back then, but now people know much better.

Today, people realize just how hazardous this substance is to have in the house and as [zotapro.com](#) points out, that it needs to be removed properly, safely, and professionally. While it can certainly be remedied and the house will be made safe to live in, it's something you at least need to be aware of since it will be a priority to get done.

Signs There Is an Infestation of Pests

Another red flag is a sign the house has an infestation problem. That could be an issue with bugs, rodents, or any other type of pest. It will then become your problem and your expense and trouble to get rid of them and repair any damage that may have been caused.

Go Into the Deal Well-Informed

Keep in mind what is a red flag for some may not be for you. It's all about being aware of the situation you are entering so that there are no surprises after the fact.