# 'Home Inspect Pros'

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## **Certified Professional Inspector®**

## Why choose an InterNACHI Certified Inspector?

#### **Choosing the Right Home Inspector**

Buying a home? It's probably the most expensive purchase you'll ever make. This is no time to shop for a cheap inspection. The cost of a home inspection is very small relative to the value of the home being inspected. Many times there is no additional cost of hiring an InterNACHI-Certified Professional Inspector®.

InterNACHI-certified inspectors earn their fees many times over. They do more, they deserve more, and, YES, they may charge a little more. Do yourself a favor and pay a little more for the quality inspection you deserve.

The licensing of home inspectors only sets a minimum standard. InterNACHI, the International Association of Certified Home Inspectors, front-ends its membership requirements.

#### **InterNACHI** inspectors:

- Must pass InterNACHI's Online Inspector Examination, and re-take and pass it every three years.
- Must complete InterNACHI's online Code of Ethics Course.
- Must take InterNACHI's online Standards of Practice Course.
- Must submit a signed Membership Affidavit adhering to InterNACHI's Standards of Practice;
- Must abide by InterNACHI's Code of Ethics;
- Must successfully pass the following online, accredited, and courses and exams:
  - InterNACHI's "Safe Practices for the Home Inspector" course,
  - InterNACHI's "25 Standards Every Inspector Should Know" course,
  - InterNACHI's "Residential Plumbing Overview for Inspectors" course,
  - InterNACHI's "How to Perform Residential Electrical Inspections" course,
  - o InterNACHI's "How to Perform Roof Inspections" course,
  - InterNACHI's "How to Inspect HVAC Systems" course,
  - InterNACHI's "Structural Issues for Home Inspectors" course,

- InterNACHI's "How to Perform Exterior Inspections" course,
- InterNACHI's "How to Inspect the Attic, Insulation, Ventilation and Interior" course,
- InterNACHI's "How to Perform Deck Inspections" course,
- InterNACHI's "How to Inspect for Moisture Intrusion" course, and
- o InterNACHI's "How to Inspect Fireplaces, Stoves, and Chimneys" course.
- Must pursue inspection-related training by taking 24 hours of additional accredited Continuing Education each year;
- Must maintain their Online Continuing Education Log as per InterNACHI's rigorous Continuing Education policy;
- have access to InterNACHI's Message Board for exchanging information and tips with colleagues and experts;
- have access to InterNACHI's "What's New" section so that they can keep up with the latest news and events in the inspection industry;
- have access to InterNACHI's time-tested Inspection Agreement, which keeps them (and you) away from lawsuits;
- have access to InterNACHI's Report Review/Mentoring Service;
- have to carry E&O Insurance (if their state requires it); Wisconsin does not require. We have it.
- have access to a real estate agent Hold-Harmless Clause;
- and have access to many other benefits, training, marketing tools and information to help themselves, as well as consumers and real estate professionals, provided for by the world's largest inspector association.

When you need a home inspector, make sure the inspector is a member of InterNACHI and Certified Professional Inspector®.

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**Fully Bonded and Insured** 

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