



## Look at Homes!

Now that you've worked out your “must-have” and “nice-to-have” list, you will finally go look at homes. Your real estate agent will have information about the local housing market and will know what to look for when you view the homes, whether in person or virtually.

The timeframe of your purchase can also be a key part of the buying process. If you need to move quickly, finding a home that will be available immediately is vital, and may limit the homes you tour. However, if you have a longer timeframe to work with, you can be patient and look for a home that will be perfect for you.



# Things to Think About When Considering a Home

Every house has its pros and cons, but there are several things to think about when considering each as a possible home:

- What is the overall condition of the home? Are there any safety concerns? If you have small children, can you fit safety gates at the stairs? Are the locks on doors and windows in good condition?
- How is the home's functionality? A certain home might be perfect at this point in your life, but what about 5 years from now? Are you planning to have a family? Will you be empty nesters? Do you think about renting out a room, or possibly working from home? Is there lots of storage space?
- What is the home's location like? Is there a park close by? How far away is the grocery store? Restaurants? Are you close to your workplace? Are you near a main road to hear traffic and sirens going by?

## Virtual Home Viewing

Many real estate agents can use Facetime or Zoom to show homes now, or use pre-recorded videos, 3D walkthroughs, or interactive floorplans to show each home. Realtor®.com now has integrated a livestream mode to accommodate virtual open houses and make them available to all.



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