

### **Visual Property Inspection**

109 Kent Rd Toronto, ON M4L 2X5

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### **Report Commentary**



Date: 25-Feb-2016

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### 1.0 Property and Site

### 1.1 Front Porch Rail

Provide handrail to promote safety

### 1.2 Deck(s)/Patio(s)

Provide handrail to promote safety

### 2.0 Roof Structure

### 2.1 Sec. Roof Life Expectancy

Flat roof material appears to be end of life on the upper portion of the roof . The membrane is cracking . Repair or replace as necessary to maintain performance.

The lower portion of the flat roof is in good condition. Maintain on an annual basis.

### 3.0 Basement/Structure

### 3.1 Railing

Install guard and handrail to promote safety

### **4.0** Electrical Service

### 4.1 Service Size

100 amp service

### 4.2 Circuit Wires/Receptacles

Secure light fixture to prevent hazards from exposed wire.

Secure outlet to receptacle box to prevent hazards from exposed wire.

### **5.0** Heating

### 5.1 Heating System

Mid efficiency furnace is 12 years old and functioning as intended at time of inspection. Typical life expectancy is 20 years.

### 5.2 AC

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### 5.0 Heating

AC unit is 1 year old.

### **6.0** Plumbing Components

### 6.1 Hot Water Tank

Hot water tank is a 3 year old rental. Functioning as intended. Typical life expectancy is 15 years.

### 7.0 <u>Interior Living Spaces</u>

### 7.1 Window

Windows are in good condition.

### 7.2 Railing

Install handrail and guardrail to promote safety



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					Property and Site
Snow/Ice Cov	itations egetation/Tree/Shrub				
Conditions					
Snow/Ice Cor	nditions	✓ Cloudy/Mostl	y Cloudy	Rain/Wet Co	onditions
Building					
✓2 Story	Duplex	Condo	Townhome		
Recomm	end CO detector	installation as requi	red by law within 15	feet of all bedroo	oms for occupant safety.
	over time, and ar			y, can vary signif	icantly and change
Bushes/Hedge	e/Flower Bed	Vine	Slopes To Hou	se	
Maintain	positive drainage	throughout the exte	erior for proper water	r flow away from	structure.
Driveway					
Concrete	Gravel	Gravel Needs	Regrading	Asphalt	<b>✓</b> Interlock
Walkway/Pat	th				
Slopes to Hou		Concrete	Paving Stone	Patio Stone/I	Brick
Front Porch		_			
Wood	Metal	Composite			
Provide I	handrail to promot	e safety			
Front Porch	Light			Opera	tional: No
Unsecured		e sensor activated	Representative	# Inspected/Tested	l

Determine cause of inoperable light fixture and repair as required. Replace bulb prior to further

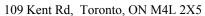


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		Property and Site
investigation.		
Deck(s)/Patio(s)		<del>-</del>
Slopes to House	Wood/Composite	✓ Paving Stone/Block/Brick
Typical Cracking	Concrete	
Provide handrail to p	romote safety	



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				Exterior
Limitations				
☐ Insulation Conceals	Clearance	Debris/Obstr	uction	
Obstructed/No or Partial Access	Bushes/Vines/	Γree Obstructions	Snow/Ice Cover	
Foundation Wall				
Stone/Flagstone	Brick	Concrete	Block	
Preserved Wood	Partially Conce	aled	☐ Hairline Cracking-typical	
Completely Concealed				
Exterior Walls				
✓ Wood/Composite	Stucco	✓ Vinyl/Alumi	num <b>☑</b> Brick/Stone	
On Wood Framing		•		
Repair brick siding on Nor	th wall to prevent furth	ner deterioration		
Window Exterior				
☐ Wood ☐ Metal	<b>✓</b> Vinyl	☐ Wood Int/Vi	nyl or Metal Cla	
Seal and/or caulk joints ar subsequent damages.	nd gaps around windo	ws to reduce air	exchange water penetration and	I
Monitor basement window cover installed here would		-	A well would be optimal here.	A window
Exterior Lighting			Operation	nal
✓ Not all lights tested	Unsecured - rep	pair	✓ Representative # Inspected/	Γested





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				Roof Structure
Inspected By:  ✓ Binocular	Roof Edge	<b>✓</b> Walk On	□ No Access	
Limitations  Deck/Patio Snow/Ice Cover	☐ Solar Panels r ☐ Rain - Too Slip	☐Gravel Cover pery	Steep Slope Material Too S	☐ Height lippery
Main Roof  Flat Estimated Age 10	✓ Gable to 15 years	☐Hip/Valley	Shed	
Gutter/Downs Galvanized Above Ground	Plastic	✓Aluminum	Copper	Below Ground Discharge
	ng evident - Monitor a board to prevent			
Covering  Concrete/Clay  Metal  Estimated # of Lay	Other			✓ Asphalt/Composite Shingle ☐ Tar & Grav
Life Expectance  Typical	<b>cy</b> ✓ Middle	End	Exceeded	
Accessory Vent Stack	Solar Panels	Skylight(s)	✓ Vent Caps	
Flashing  ☐ Not Checked/Correction  ☐ Roof to Wall  ☐ Aluminum/Galve	Stack	✓ Chimney ✓ Valley ☐ Tarring/Conce	□ Drip Edge ☑ Roll Roofing aled	✓ Flat Roof Skylight ✓ Replace When Re-roofing
Chimney/Vent  ☐ Wood  ☑ Brick/Block/Sto	Metal	☐ Furnace/Water ☐ Stone	Heater Corrosion	Fireplace
Chimney Cap  ✓ Concrete	Metal	☐Minor Crackin	g - Seal	☐ Corrosion

Chimney cap has been recently repaired and is in good condition.



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Roof Structure

Visible Flue Liner

Clay

Metal

Block

Rain Cap/Screen Covered

Sec. Roof Life Expectancy

Typical

Middle

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Limitations				
✓ No Access/Sealed  Entered Hatch	☐ Insulated ☐ Pull Down	Stored Items	Looked In/Insp from opening	





109 Kent Rd, Toronto, ON M4L 2X5 Date: 25-Feb-2016 Basement/Structure

Limitations					
Finished/Partial Dry Weather/Dr		☐ Dry Ground	Clutter/Obstruction	ction	
		conditions determi 0% of components		tive amount as vis	ible in furnace/laundry
Floor					
Crack(s) - Typic	cal. Seal + Monitor d Floor	Concrete	Carpet	Ceramic	Vinyl
Wall					
☐ Crack ✓ Drywall/Plaster	Concealed	Concrete	Block	<b>✓</b> Brick/Stone	Wood
Ceiling					
Unfinished	Wood	Tile	<b>✓</b> Drywall/Plaste	r	
Window					Operational
Binds - Adjust/r	*	Not Tested	<b>✓</b> Thermal	Single Pane	Fixed Pane
Metal	Wood	□Vinyl	<b>✓</b> Representative	# Inspected/Tested	
Lighting					Operational
Minimal	Unsecured	<b>✓</b> Representative	# Inspected/Tested		
Heat Source					
None	Electric	✓ Air Register	Radiant/Baseb	oard	
Basement Stai	rway				
Unsecured	Carpet	Wood	Worn		
Railing					
Metal	Wood	Incomplete	None		
Install guar	rd and handrail to p	promote safety			
Floor Joist					
Concealed	Engineered Jois	sts	<b>✓</b> Solid Wood	Stained	
Bridging					
Concealed	Continuous	X-Metal	▼X-Wood	Solid Wood	None
Pipes/Ducts					
Unsecured	Leak	Insulated			



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					Electrical Servic
Service Entra	nce				
☐ No Conduit	Overhead	Underground	<b>✓</b> 120/240V		
Entrance Cab	le				
Concealed	Aluminum	Copper			
Main Disconn	ect				
Switch/Cartrid	ge Fuse	<b>✓</b> Breaker			
Service Size					
Have Electricia Amps 100	an Evaluate				
100 amp s	service				
Distribution P	Panel				-
✓ Not Opened Location Basemer	☐ Non Standard I nt North wall	nstallation	Obstructed		
Consult el obstructed	lectrical contractor t d.	to evaluate panel lo	ocation and reloca	te as required.	Panel access is
Fuse					
<b>✓</b> Breaker	GFCI Breaker	AFCI Breaker	Over-Fused	Cartridge	Glass
Circuit Wires/	Receptacles				
Aluminum	Copper	Representative	# of Outlets Inspect	ed/TestStvitched (	Outlets
Secure lig	tht fixture to preven	t hazards from exp	osed wire.		
	utlet to receptacle b s to panel to determ	•	rds from exposed	wire.	
Grounding					
Concealed	Ground Rod	<b>✓</b> Water Main			



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				Heatir
Data Plate				
☐ Not Legible	Incomplete	DTILL 4 45000	F 6 4 1 A	10
Model: Goodman		BTU Input: 45000	Estimated Age:	12 years
Limitations				
System Operation	ng in Heating Mode	System Shut Do	wn/Not Tested	
Smoke Detecto	ors			
Basement	✓ 1st Floor	✓ 2nd Floor	3rd Floor	
Thermostat/Hu	ımidistat			Operational
Unsecured	Programmable	Standard		
Heat Type				
Convector - Wal		Forced Air	Radiator/Baseboard	
Radiant - III-1 10	OI			
Burner Type	_	_		
Conventional	✓ Mid Efficiency	High Efficiency		
Heating Fuel S	ource			
✓Gas	Electric	Propane		
Fuel Source Sh	nut Off Location			
Heating Syster	n			Operational
Advise Service/	Repair Contract	☐ Verify Service I	list w/Selle	-
	ncy furnace is 12 ye v is 20 years.	ears old and function	oning as intended at time of inspec	tion. Typical life
	ombustible materia	I away from venting	g to prevent fire.	
Fresh Air Supp	oly			
<b>✓</b> Internal	External			
Venting				
Metal	Corrosion	Sidewall/Plastic	Flue	
Life Expectanc	;y			
Typical	Middle	Exceeded	Middle/End	
Gas Burner				Operational
☐ Not Checked				



Refrigerant Line

☐ Not Insulated

Unsecured

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					Heating
<b>Ignition</b> ✓ Electronic	Pilot & Thern	nocoupl			
Heat Shield  Missing	Corrosion	Soot	None		
Burn Chamber  Advise Adjustm		Soot			
Motor/Blower  ✓ Direct Drive	Noisy	Other			Operational
Filter  ✓ Disposable	Missing	☐Inoperable	Undersized	Damaged	
Duct/Joint/Hou	using  Corrosion	<b>✓</b> Functional			
AC  Not Checked Approx. Age 1 year	☐Dirty ar	✓ Central Approx Size - To	Room Unit	N	ot Applicable
AC unit is Testing A/0 cooling sea	C unit during low	outdoor temperatu	res will cause syste	em failure. Determ	ine function during
Cooling Fuel S	Source				
Condensation  Improper Drain	_				



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				Р	lumbing Co	mponen
Limitation  Finished Basem	nent	Private System				
Public Supply						
Concealed	Lead	Galvanized	Plastic	<b>✓</b> Copper	<b>✓</b> Metered	i
Not Metered						
Shut Off Location:	: Basement west wall					
Public Shut-O	ff Valve					
✓ Not Tested	Corrosion					
Water Pressur	е					
Low	<b>✓</b> Typical	High				
Water Quality						
Discoloration	Debris	Odor	Advise Well W	ater Quality Tes	<b>✓</b> Typical	
Hose Bibb				Opera	tional:	No
☐ Not Checked	Shut-Off Valve	Unsecured	Frost Free			
Determine	operation when we	eather permits. Ho	se bibb currently w	vinterized		
Distribution Pi	iping					
Concealed	<b>✓</b> Plastic	Galvanized	Copper			
Cross Connec	tion					
Kitchen	Laundry	Hose Bibb	✓ None Visible			
Waste Drainag	je					
Concealed	Cast Iron	Plastic	Copper	Pump/Inspec	et Septic System	
to deteriora	s in old homes suc ation over time. If li e best way to deter al.	ne has not been re	eplaced in modern	time, it may well	need to be in	the near
Floor Drain						
None - a potent	ial concern	<b>✓</b> Drain Appeare	d Functional During	Γest		
Main Cleanout	<u> </u>					
	L					
<b>✓</b> Concealed						



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### **Plumbing Components**

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Hot Water Tan	k				Operational
✓ With Heating System Age 3 years		✓ Gas Estimated Capa	☐ Electric acity -Gallons 40	Some Corros	ion Noted - Typical
Hot water t	tank is a 3 year o	ld rental. Function	oning as intended.	Typical life expect	ancy is 15 years.
Life Expectance	Су				
<b>✓</b> Typical	Exceeded	Middle	Middle/End		
Fuel Shut-Off					
Concealed Location beside					
Relief Valve					
☐ No Test Lever	Corrosion	Other			
Discharge Tub	)e				
Undersized	Discharge				
Venting					
Flue	Sidewall	Improper Ri	se Unsecured	Corrosion	Soot
Burn Chamber	r				
✓ Not Checked	Needs Adjust	ment			



						Laundry
Floor						
Worn	☐ No drain					
Patched	Unfinished	Crack - Typical	Uneven			
Ceiling						
Patched	Unfinished	Crack - Typical	Uneven			
Lighting					Opera	ational
None	Unsecured				•	
Washer				(	Operational:	Yes
	off Function Only # W02K54ASC01067	V				
function		on using regular oper ms are not tested. T				
Dryer				(	Operational:	Yes
	off Function Only # X08054BSC01249T					
Dryer Vent						
Unsecured	☐ To Crawlspace	e Mostly Conceal	ed	Plas	tic Duct	
Dryer ve basis.	ent cleaning is recom	nmended to increase	efficiency and	d for fire safe	ty. Inspect/clean	on a regular
Interior	of dryer vent condition	on concealed-not ins	pected.			
		ve 18 inches of clear ar. Relocate if nece	-	de to preven	t blockage from s	now. Monitor

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All Baths Location Basement 1st Floor ✓ 2nd Floor 3rd Floor Water Flow **✓** Normal Suspect Low **Floor** ☐ Minor Cracking - Typica Worn Stains/Minor Damage Wall Uneven Ceramic Patched - Typical Ceiling Uneven Minor Patching - Typical ✓ Minor Cracking - Typica Monitor cracking paint on ceiling. Tested dry at time of inspection. Window Operational Binds - Adjust/Repair Not Tested Treat Wood To Preserve/Protect **✓** Thermal Pane Single Pane Windows has been replaced recently and are in good condition. Operational Door Binds - Adjust/Repair Damaged ✓ Representative # Inspected/Tested Lighting Operational None Unsecured **Exhaust Fan Not Applicable** ✓ Advise Installation Noisy - Service/Repair/Replace Dirty - Clean for best function Install exhaust fan to remove excess moisture, reduce related damages/deterioration and discourage an environment conducive to mold growth Sink Worn Chip/Scratch **▼** Solid/Granite **Faucet** Operational ☐ No Shut-off Unsecured Corrosion Minor Leakage at Handle - Repair Trap/Drain Drain stop disconnected/inoperable-Repails fowcomviented bean/Repair Corrosion - Monitor for leaks Vanity ☐ Worn/Scratches ☐ Missing/Loose Hardware Prior Stains-No Leakage Now

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					All Bal
Counter					
✓Unsecured	Minor Damage	e - Scratches/Stains	Caulk at Backs	plash	
Toilet					Operational
☐ No Shut-Off	<b>✓</b> Unsecured	Crooked - M	Ionitor for leakage		
Secure toi	let to reduce secon	ndary water dam	ages		
Tub/Enclosure	<b>e</b>				
<b>✓</b> Ceramic/Tile	Solid Surface/	Marble	Fiberglass	Plastic Panels	
Minor Mildew	Stains-Treat/Clean	☐ Worn - Scra	tches/Chips		
Tub Faucet/M	ixer				Operational
☐ Not Tested	Unsecured	Leaky-Secur	re/Repair/Replace		
Shower Head					Operational
☐ Not Tested	Unsecured	Leaky-Secur	re/Repair/Replace		
Heat Source					
None	Thermostat	Electric	✓ Air Register	Radiant	
Radiator/Conve	ector				



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				Baseme	ent washroon
Location  Basement	1st Floor	2nd Floor	3rd Floor		
Dasement					
Water Flow					
Normal	Suspect	Low			
Floor					
Worn	Minor Cracking	- Typica	Stains/Minor Da	amage	
Wall					
Uneven	Patched - Typica	1	Minor Cracking	- Typica	
Ceiling					
Uneven	Minor Patching -	Typical	Minor Cracking	- Typica	
<b>Window</b> ☐ Binds - Adjust/R ☐ Single Pane	tepair	□ Not Tested □ Representative #	Treat Wood To	Operational: Preserve/Protect	<b>Yes</b> hermal Pane
Door				Operational:	Yes
Binds - Adjust/R	epair	Minor Damage/I	Hole In Door	Representative # Inspe	cted/Tested
Lighting				Operational:	Yes
None	Unsecured				
Exhaust Fan				Operational:	Yes
Advise Installation		Dirty - Clean for	best function	Noisy - Service/Repair	/Replace
Sink					
Worn	Chip/Scratch	✓ Solid/Granite			
Faucet				Operational:	Yes
☐ No Shut-off	Unsecured	Corrosion	Minor Leakage	at Handle - Repair	
 Trap/Drain					
Drain stop disco	nnected/inoperable	Slow Drain - Cle	ean/Repair	Corrosion - Monitor fo	r leaks
Vanity					
Worn/Scratches	Missing/Loose H	lardware	Prior Stains-No	Leakage Now	
Counter					
Unsecured	Minor Damage -	Scratches/Stains	✓ Caulk at Backsp	lash	



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				Baseme	ent washroom
Toilet				Operational:	Yes
☐ No Shut-Off	Unsecured	Crooked - M	onitor for leakage		
Tub Faucet/Mi	ixer			Operational:	Yes
☐ Not Tested	Unsecured	Leaky-Secur	re/Repair/Replace		
Shower Enclo	sure				
✓ Ceramic/Tile	Solid Surface/N	Marble (	Fiberglass	Plastic Panels	
Minor Mildew	Stains - Treat/Clean	Worn - Scrat	ches/Chips		
Shower Head				Operational:	Yes
Not Tested	Unsecured	Leaky-Secur	e/Repair/Replace		
Heat Source					
None	Thermostat	Electric	✓ Air Register	Radiant	
Radiator/Conve	ector		-		



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Floor Worn	Minor Cracking	g - Typica	Stains/Minor D	amage	
Wall					
Uneven	Patched	Minor Cracking	- Typica		
<b>Ceiling</b> ☐ Uneven	Patched- Typica	al	☐ Minor Cracking	g - Typica	
Window					Operational
☐ Binds - Adjust/F☐ Treat Wood To	Repair Preserve/Protect	☐ Not Tested ☐ Representative #	☐ Thermal Pane # Inspected/Tested	☐ Single Pane ☐ Storm Window	V
Patio Door				□D1D.16	Operational
☐ Binds - Adjust/F ☐ Minor Damage/	*	Sliding Weather Strippi	✓ Hinged ng	✓ Dead Bolt	
Lighting					Operational
None	Unsecured	<b>▼</b> Representative ‡	# Inspected/Tested		
Sink  Worn	Chip/Scratch				
Faucet					Operational
☐ No Shut-Off Va	lve	Unsecured	Corrosion	Minor Leakage	e at Handle - Repair
Trap/Drain ☐ Slow Drain - Clo	ean/Repair	Corrosion - Mor	nitor for Leakage		
Counter					
Unsecured	Caulk at Backsp	olash	Minor Damage	/Scratches/Worn	
Cabinet  ☐ Worn/Scratches		☐Missing/Loose I	Hardware	<b>✓</b> Representative	# Inspected/Tested
Range Hood					Operational
Cooktop Exhaus	st	☐No Exhaust	☐ No Light	Noisy	•
Exhaust vent					
Unsecured	Ductless	<b>✓</b> Concealed	☐ To Exterior		
Filter					
Missing - Install	for safety	Unsecured	Damaged	Greasy	



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	Kitchen
Major Appliances (Built-in	
▼ Tested ON/OFF only.	✓ Did not Test All Functions/Cycles
	on using regular operating controls if they are connected or not shut down. All ems are not tested. The test simply comprises turning the appliances on to verify
Dishwasher	Operational
Brand Frigidaire # TH00567982	
Stove/Cooktop	Operational
Brand Frigidaire # VF00540952	
Refrigerator	Operational
Brand Frigidaire # Ba01017718	
Heat Source	
None Thermosta	☐ Electric
Radiator/Convector	



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				lr	nterior Living Spaces
Floor  Worn	☐Minor Cracking - Typica		Staining/Minor Damage		
Wall  Uneven  ✓ Wood Frame w	☐ Patched - Typical ☐ Minor Cracking - Typica w/drywall/plaster		g - Typica		
Ceiling  Uneven  ✓ Wood Frame w	Patched - Typic	al	☐ Minor Cracking	g - Typica	
Window  Binds - Adjust/ Treat Wood To	Repair Preserve/Protect	Not Tested     ✓ Representative	Fixed Pane # Inspected/Tested	✓ Single Pane	Operational  Thermal Pane
Windows	are in good conditio	on.			
Lighting  None	Unsecured	<b>✓</b> Representative	# Inspected/Tested		Operational
Interior Doors  Binds - Adjust/ Floor guides m	Repair	☐ Hinged ✓ Representative	Closet door off	track	Operational
Stairway Carpet	Wood	□Worn	Squeaks - Typi	cal	
Railing  Wood/Metal  Install han	☐ Incomplete	✓ None to promote safety			
Exterior Doors  Binds - Adjust		☐ Weather Strippi ☐ Sliding	ing Missing/Imprope  ✓ Hinged	r Dead Bolt	Operational
Heat Source  Air Register  Radiant-Conce	☐ Electric	Radiator/Conve	ector	None	



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**Additional Comments** 

### **General Comments**

This is a Prelisting Inspection performed for the seller of the home in preparation for putting the home on the market for sale. This inspection is completed to ASHI and OAHI standards, is visual in nature, and does not address building code compliance issues which are the purview of municipal building inspectors.

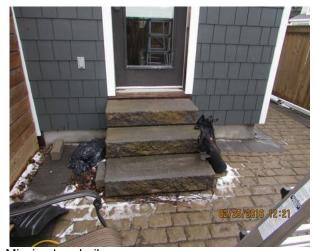


# **Property and Site**Front Porch Rail



Missing handrail

### Deck(s)/Patio(s)



Missing handrail



# Exterior Walls



Damaged brick siding

### **Window Exterior**



Window to close to grade



Gap between window and siding wear water can penetrate



### **Roof Structure**

### Main Roof



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Shingles east side

### **Chimney Cap**



Chimney cap recently parged



Shingles west side



### **Roof Structure**

### Sec. Roof Life Expectancy



Upper Flat roof membrane cracking

### **Basement/Structure**

### Railing



Missing guard and hand rail



### **Electrical Service**

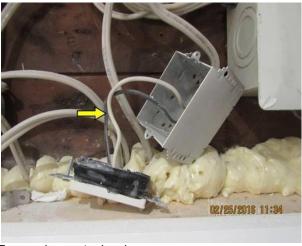
### **Circuit Wires/Receptacles**



### **Heating Heating System**



Plastic pipe wrap resting on heating vent. Provide separation here.



Exposed receptacle wires



Mid efficiency furnace



### Plumbing Components

### **Public Supply**



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Water meter and main shut off

### <u>Laundry</u> Dryer Vent



Dryer vent to close to grade



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# Interior Living Spaces Railing

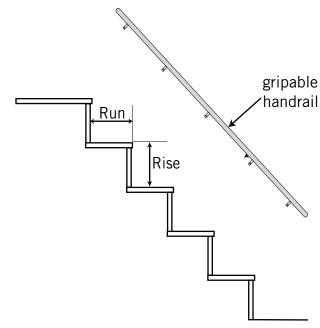


Missing guard and handrail

# Railings and Guards

The CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Injury Prevention) estimates that 40% of all unintentional deaths around the home are due to falls. One in five injuries that require a visit to an emergency room is due to a fall. Over 50% of these are falls that happen at home and most of these are falls from stairs and steps.

Railings and guards are designed to keep people from falling and injuring themselves. There is no doubt that properly installed railings and guards could help to improve these statistics.



A railing is something to grip onto when you go up and down a staircase. A guard is something that keeps you from falling off a staircase, deck or balcony. On a staircase, sometimes the railing doubles as a guard.

Many homes have missing or inappropriate railings and guards. One reason is that older homes did not have the same requirements as we do today. Home owners are not required to upgrade their homes to modern safety standards. If we had to upgrade, everybody would have to renovate their home every year just to keep up.

Pillar To Post home inspectors inspect your home with this in mind. We don't believe people should have to renovate their homes every year. Your railings and guards may be perfectly adequate for the time they were installed. At the same time we are concerned for your safety. We believe the solution is to provide you with information on common safety issues and let you decide if you would like to address the issue as a discretionary upgrade.

Here are a few common issues:

**Missing railings:** Sometimes a staircase has no railing at all, either because the previous owner removed it to make more room to move furniture up the stairs or because it was never installed in the first place. Ideally there should be a railing on any staircase that has more than two or three risers. The actual requirement depends on your area and when the home was built.

Missing guard: A common scenario is there is no guard on an open staircase to a



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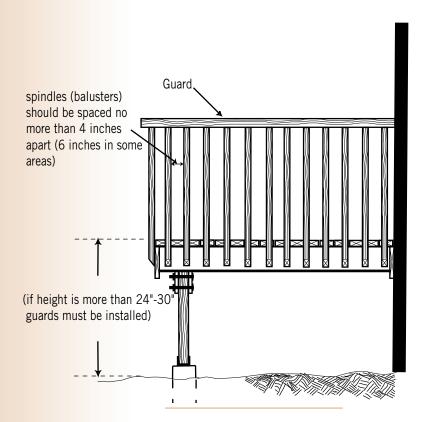
basement. In many areas, a guard was not required as long as there was a wall on one side and the basement unfinished. Today, many home owners have turned their basement into a recreation area or a playroom for children. The open staircase is now a danger. Ideally, a railing and guard should be added.

**Guard too low:** In some cases, an old home will have very low guards on staircases or balconies. This was the design at the time the home was built. Ideally, a guard should be 36 inches high, unless it's part of a staircase handrail in which case 34 inches would be ideal. In many areas, if the drop is six feet or more, a guard of 42 inches is required.

**Railing or guard has large openings:** Railings and guards may have vertical spindles (called balusters). These keep people from falling through. In some cases, the spacing between the spindles is so wide that a child could fall through. The requirements have changed over the years and also vary from area to area but most authorities believe that a maximum opening of four inches offers the best protection.

### Other things to look for:

- Guards that incorporate climbable elements are not ideal. An example is a bench built into a guard
  or horizontal slats between the spindles on the guard. The concern is that children can climb them
  and fall over.
- Appropriate lighting for a staircase is a must. A dark stairwell is dangerous. That's all there is to it.
- Uneven stairs and stairs with non-uniform riser height are dangerous.

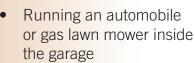


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# **Carbon Monoxide**

Carbon monoxide, or CO, a byproduct of incomplete combustion of fossil fuels, is a colorless, odorless gas. Breathing CO reduces the blood's ability to carry oxygen. In severe cases, CO can cause death.

Defective or malfunctioning fossil fuel appliances, or inappropriate use of appliances that burn fossil fuel close to or inside the home can pose a serious health hazard. Here are a few examples of dangerous operations:



- Operating a barbeque inside the home
- A gas or oil burning furnace with a blockage in the chimney
- Kerosene space heaters
- Operating a generator in the home during a power failure

# Alarm Detector Digital Read-out Carbon Monoxide Detector

### Symptoms of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, weakness, chest pain, confusion, and loss of consciousness. Carbon monoxide poisoning can lead to death. Low level poisoning may go unnoticed because it may be mistaken for the flu.

### Carbon Monoxide Detector

You should have at least one carbon monoxide detector in your home. In some geographic areas, a CO detector is required by law. The CO detector should be placed where you can hear it if it goes off when you are asleep. A CO detector does not have to be placed on the ceiling, since unlike smoke, CO has approximately the same weight as air so it mixes

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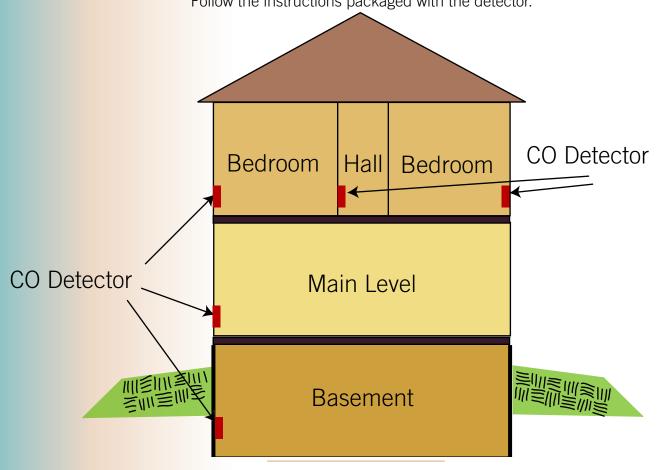
uniformly throughout the room rather than floating up to the ceiling. To avoid false alarms, do not install the detector next to heating and cooking appliances, vents, flues, or chimneys. Make sure you read and follow the operating, placement, and testing instructions that come with the detector.

If the carbon monoxide detector alarms, take it seriously.

### **Avoiding CO Poisoning**

- Have your heating systems serviced every year by a qualified technician.
- Have your fireplace chimney cleaned and inspected every year.
- Install at least one CO detector in your home and replace the batteries twice per year.
- Open the garage door prior to starting your car; drive the car out promptly. Do not leave it idling in the garage. Do not use a remote car starter when the car is in the garage.
- Do not use a charcoal or propane barbeque in the home.

If you are installing only one carbon monoxide (CO) detector, it should be located where you can hear it if it goes off when you are sleeping. For greater safety, multiple CO detectors can be installed throughout the home. Follow the instructions packaged with the detector.



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