

Home Buyer Education: Shopping for a Home

More house-hunting tips

- Be prepared to take notes
- Use checklist to rate condition of house and your reaction to:

Neighborhood	Construction
Furnace/air	Landscaping
Rooms	Roof
Lot size	Garage
- Review notes and be prepared to reconsider your priorities—no house is perfect
- Ask for a return visit before you make an offer

TELL AUDIENCE:

Don't rely on your memory—you'll probably be looking at several properties, and they'll all become a blur after awhile.

HANDOUT 1: HOUSE VISIT CHECKLIST

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Handout 1 is designed to help you take notes and compare the different properties you visit. Make several photocopies of the handout before you begin the visits.

Here's a tip: After each house visit, place the completed checklist in one of three folders: (1) *Yes*—I really liked this house; (2) *Maybe*—I'm not sure about this house yet; (3) *No*—I wouldn't consider living in this house. Using a folder system will help you narrow your search and reduce wasted time.