

9 Mistakes First-Time Homebuyers Make

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Not Getting Pre-Approved for a Mortgage

Many first-time homebuyers start house-hunting without getting pre-approved for a mortgage. This can lead to disappointment and wasted time, as they may not be able to afford the homes they are interested in. Getting pre-approved will give you a clear idea of your budget and can also help you act quickly when you find the right property.

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Not Considering Additional Costs

First-time homebuyers often make the mistake of only considering the purchase price of the home and not factoring in additional costs such as closing costs, property taxes, home insurance, and maintenance expenses. These additional costs can add up quickly and can make a significant impact on your budget.

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Skipping the Home Inspection

Some first-time homebuyers may skip the home inspection in an attempt to save money, but this can be a costly mistake in the long run. A home inspection can uncover hidden issues that may not be apparent during a walk-through, and help you avoid expensive repairs later on.

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Ignoring the Neighborhood

Focusing solely on the house and not the surrounding neighborhood is another common mistake. It's important to consider factors such as proximity to schools, shopping, and public transportation, as well as crime rates and property values in the area.

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Not Working with a Real Estate Agent

First-time homebuyers may think they can save money by not working with a real estate agent, but this is not always the case. A good agent can provide valuable insights and negotiate on your behalf, helping you get the best deal on your home purchase.

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Overlooking Resale Value

When buying a home, it's important to consider its resale value, even if you don't plan on selling it anytime soon. Factors such as location, school districts, and nearby amenities can have a big impact on a home's resale value, so it's important to keep them in mind when making your purchase.

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Settling for Less: Buyer's Remorse

Buyer's remorse is a feeling of regret or second-guessing that can occur after buying a home that doesn't truly measure up to your expectations. It can lead to ongoing feelings of regret and dissatisfaction. It's a significant investment and it's not a decision to be taken lightly. You want to make sure that you're happy with your purchase.

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Making Emotional Decisions

Buying a home can be an emotional process, and first-time homebuyers may make the mistake of letting their emotions cloud their judgment. It's important to stay rational and make decisions based on your budget and the facts of the property and the surrounding area.

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Not Having a Contingency Plan

Finally, it's important for first-time homebuyers to have a contingency plan in case things don't go as planned. This can include having a backup home in mind, having an emergency fund for unexpected repairs or expenses, or being prepared to walk away from a deal if the terms aren't right. Having a contingency plan can help you navigate any unexpected challenges that may arise during the home buying process.

Thinking of buying your first home?

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