

Claxton Walker & Associates

Serves Maryland, Washington D.C. and Virginia with unparalleled experience and professionalism in the home inspection industry.

OUR SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Buyer's Inspection
- Seller's Inspection
- Remodeling & Construction Inspection
- New Home Inspection
- Commercial Inspections and Condominiums
- Special Problem Solving Inspections and Forensic Investigations
- Environmental Inspections (radon, mold, termite, etc.)
- Swimming Pool Inspections
- Construction Dispute Resolution Services

Claxton Walker & Associates has no affiliation with any real estate interest or contracting firm. Our job is to provide you with a comprehensive, fair, independent and objective evaluation.

Let us put our professional excellence to work for you!

"Scott was incredible; we feel VERY comfortable moving into a 106 year old house after your work, and indeed we plan to use your master inspection report as a guide to routine maintenance. We will recommend you to friends planning to buy an older home...your thoroughness was exactly what we were looking for."

Michael ~ Washington, DC

"[Our inspector]...did a great job of explaining everything he was inspecting, what he was looking for. And if something wasn't right, he explained how I should go about having it fixed. He got us our report the same day as the inspection. Then he answered follow up emails quickly."

Kristin ~ Reston, VA

"We were really impressed by the organization and level of detail in the report. Having toured with our inspector, then seeing the pictures, and then having a summary list of things to fix was incredibly helpful."

Laure ~ Bethesda, MD

Claxton Walker & Associates

is a founding member of The American Society of Home Inspectors, recognized as the leading authority on home inspection and consultation.



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Take Control of Your Real Estate Transaction

Put our decades of home inspection experience, unequaled thoroughness and professionalism to work for you!

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What's at Stake?

The purchase or sale of a home is a complex transaction. In addition to legal and financial considerations, a house is a multifaceted package of systems (plumbing, heating, cooling, electrical, structural components, foundation, etc.) which must all work together. Improper installation, water damage, pest infestation and normal aging are just a few of the many factors that threaten the structural integrity and livability of the home. For example, poor electrical workmanship can cause connections to overheat eventually resulting in a fire. Poor foundation drainage can lead to settling, sagging and cracking of walls and floors as well as moisture problems resulting in mold.



Unfortunately, many of these defects are hidden to the untrained, unpracticed eye, and often go unnoticed by homeowners. That's why you need an experienced home inspector on your side—an unbiased expert who knows where to look, how to look, and who can recognize potential problems so they don't surprise you down the road.

If you're a home buyer, you want problems found and resolved before you buy. If you're the seller, it's better to know what problems need to be addressed in advance rather than being caught off guard. For new construction, it's advisable to have an impartial, third-party professional review your project during construction.

Qualities to Seek in a Home Inspector

LICENSED: A home inspector must be licensed in the state of Maryland in order to practice. In Virginia and DC the certification is voluntary. Always choose a licensed inspector.

KNOWLEDABLE: Your home inspector should have extensive knowledge of all home construction related systems: heating, cooling, plumbing, electrical, structural components, foundation, roof, masonry structure, exterior and interior components.

EXPERIENCED: It takes more than text-book knowledge and following standard procedure to make meaningful evaluations, recognize potential problems and to know where to look in different situations. Look for someone with over a decade of experience working with homeowners in your area.

THOROUGH: The inspection process should be thorough and employ current, state-of-the-art techniques. Thorough inspections usually result in happy customers. Look for testimonials or reviews that demonstrate this.

USE AN INCLUSIVE PROCESS: Good home inspectors use an inclusive process that allows the client to be present and ask questions. Seek an inspector who is willing to fully explain technical points in layman's language.

POST INSPECTION AVAILABILITY: The inspector should be available after the report to explain and interpret reported problems and to give advice and to help you evaluate courses of remedial actions.



Why Claxton Walker & Associates Should Be Your First Choice

KNOWLEDGE, EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONALISM

Claxton Walker & Associates has been providing home inspections for over 38 years, performing over 36,000 inspections with an unmatched reputation for thoroughness and professionalism. Our inspectors are state licensed and pass the stringent competency and ethical requirements for certification by ASHI as well as maintaining continuing education in the latest inspection techniques and building code regulations. Each has worked many years in the home construction industry before putting on the mantle of inspector; so they have years of practical knowledge from which to draw. Past clients include a former U.S. President, presidential families, U.S. Representatives and Senators, Foreign Ambassadors, County Executives, Judges, engineers, architects, custom home builders, and most of the nation's largest home builders, HOA's and Condo Boards.

INCLUSIVE PROCESS (See through the eyes of the inspector!)

Clients are invited and encouraged to be present during inspection so that important points can be communicated verbally in addition to the printed report. Individual items to be reported are clearly explained (both in person and in the written report with photo documentation) and put in perspective as they relate to the respective system and the overall health of the structure. This unique "holistic" approach allows clients to better understand the implications of problems so they can make more informed decisions.

POST INSPECTION AVAILABILITY

When your home is inspected by *Claxton Walker & Associates*, we are there for you long after the report is delivered. We offer free telephone consultations about your home for as long as you own the property.



So what should you look for when seeking a quality home inspector?