# **5** Reasons You Must INSIST That **Your Home Inspector Perform** A FOUNDATION LEVEL SURVEY



- 1.32% or 1/3 of all homebuyer claims are structure related! Protect your investment as a homebuyer and prevent significant future expenses by doing a foundation level survey now.
- **2. The foundation is the most important part of the home.** So many potential problems are created by issues in your home's foundation. That's why it's a critical component of a thorough home inspection.
- 3. Accurately documents the floor variations in every room of the home. Don't guess. Make sure you have an accurate and DOCUMENTED elevation plot of the floor for your records and to assist in future projects.
- 4. Adds credibility, protection, and value to the home inspection report. Once you own the home, you will never have to worry if the home is settling. Just re-check, and compare the data to what's listed in your inspection report,
  - 5. When it's time to resell you can show a comparison of the initial level survey and a new one to help sell the home. Showing buyers the great condition of your foundation can help build value compared to other, less structurally sound homes you may compete against.

Ask every inspector... "Do you perform a foundation level survey?" If they don't... think twice about whether they're inspection is providing the value and peace of mind you need as a home buyer.

### It's Simple. Why Don't More Inspectors Do It?

#### **HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:**

# ELIMINATES GUESS WORK. ALERTS OF ISSUES THAT OTHERWISE CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED UNTIL CARPET IS REMOVED



#### INSPECTOR STARTS ON LEVEL FLOOR

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- 1. The device is set down on a level part of the floor in a central location.
- 2. The device is then set up at additional key locations to be checked.
- 3. The readings are analyzed to provide you with a deeper insight into the sturdiness and levelness of your property's foundation, and alert you of potential risks.
- 4. The results are recorded for your records and for future comparisons to alert you of potential problems.

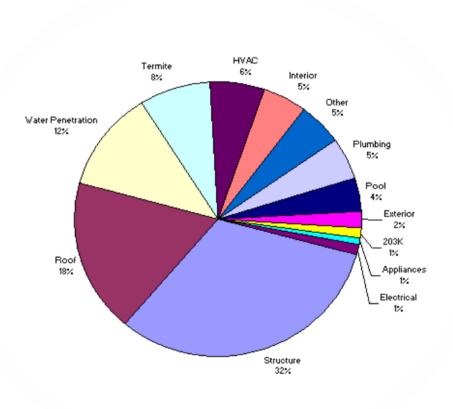
# MEASUREMENTS TAKEN, ANALYZED & RECORDED



#### **JT'S THAT SIMPLE! FOUNDATION SURVEYS SHOULD BE** A PART OF EVERY INSPECTION!

## **Additional Facts to Consider:**

- Foundation Level Surveys help protect homebuyers from structural. problems!
- Structure problems are FAR AND AWAY the most common source of home insurance claims!



Data Furnished by: FREA Are you protected?

## **SAMPLE Home Inspection Elevation Chart**

Inspector Records readings and provides a drawing (see next page) of the foundation with differential settlement.

							Difference					
Room	Mid	N	E	S	W	Flooring	in Flooring	Mid	N	E	S	W
Living	-1	0	2	-7	-1	Carpet						
Bath						Linoleum	-5		-12	-11	-10	-14
Kitchen						Linoleum	-3		0	-1	0	-2
Hall			4		-1	Carpet						
Green Bath						Linoleum	-4		-5	-8	-6	-4
Small Bedroom		0	-1	-7	-6	Carpet						
Office		2	-2	-2	1	Carpet						
Master Bedroom		0	-6	-1	2	Carpet						
Utility						Linoleum	-4		-3	-7	-1	-5

#### Completed chart with flooring differences are calculated.

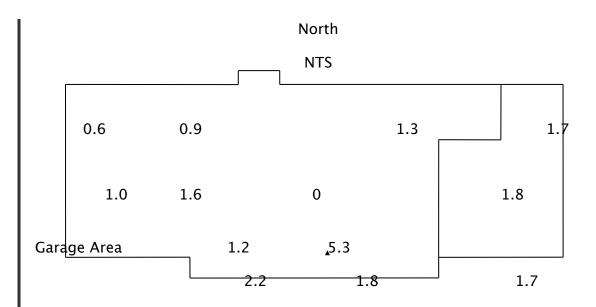
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Kitchen		3	2	3	1	Linoleum	-3		0	-1	0	-2
Hall			4		-1	Carpet						
Green Bath		-1	-4	-2	0	Linoleum	-4		-5	-8	-6	-4
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Office		2	-2	-2	1	Carpet						
Master Bedroom		0	-6	-1	2	Carpet						
Utility		1	-3	3	-1	Linoleum	-4		-3	-7	-1	-5

Maximum difference is the Bath Room West wall, -.9, and the Hall East wall, +,5.3 Equals 1.3" variation.

# **Inspector Draws Diagram for** Ease of Understanding and Inclusion in the Inspection Report.

#### **SAMPLE**

FOUNDATION LEVEL SURVEY™



Method of inspection: Foundation Level Survey.

**MAJOR IMPROVEMENT**: A foundation elevation differential of 5.3 inches was recorded which is considered a potentially significant improvement for a home in this area. We recommend a Licensed Structural Engineer for recommendation improvements.

1234 Any St.

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# **Mention this Special** Report for a FREE **Foundation Survey** (a \$150 value)!