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**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HOME INSPECTORS INTRODUCES
CLIENT BILL OF RIGHTS**

From choosing a neighborhood to hiring a real estate agent to buying the right home, it's easy for potential homebuyers to feel overwhelmed by all the decisions that go into the home-buying process. Who can one trust and what can he or she expect?

Just as the Founding Fathers of our country created the Bill of Rights to protect our citizens, the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) created the Client Bill of Rights to protect homebuyers.

“The ASHI Client Bill of Rights is a commitment that ASHI members make to their clients that they will uphold the highest standards and conduct a thorough, unbiased and honest evaluation of their home. It's another demonstration of professionalism and ethical commitment so their clients can feel confident about the decision to choose an ASHI Certified Inspector.”

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The ASHI Client Bill of Rights was derived for the ASHI Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics. The full bill of rights follows:

ASHI Client Bill of Rights

- To be assured the inspector is objective in his or her reporting and will not knowingly understate or overstate the significance of reported conditions.
- To be assured the inspector's opinion is based on genuine conviction within the scope of his or her education and experience.
- To be assured the inspector stays current with the industry body of knowledge through continuing education.
- To be assured the inspector will not disclose inspection results or client information without client approval.
- To be assured the inspector has not accepted any form of compensation for recommending contractors, services or products.
- To be assured the inspector will not offer to repair or replace for compensation any component covered by the ASHI Standards of Practice for one year after the inspection.
- To be assured future referrals to the inspector from real estate agents are not dependent on the inspection findings or the sale of the property.
- To be assured the home inspector has no financial interest in the transaction.
- To be assured the inspector is not receiving compensation for the inspection from any other party.
- To be assured the inspector did not compensate the real estate agent or other party for the referral to the client.

About the American Society of Home Inspectors

In its 32nd year and with 5,500 members, ASHI is the oldest and most widely recognized non-profit, professional organization of home inspectors in North America. Its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics is the industry standard. For more information, visit

www.ASHI.org.