

Home as a Foundation for Life

A Comprehensive Home Buying Guide Inspired by Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs

How to Use This Checklist

Use this checklist while visiting properties to mark important features and take notes. Check the boxes to indicate features present, and use the notes sections to jot down details or impressions.

1. Physiological Needs: Ensuring Basic Comfort

- ☐ Adequate living space for current and future needs
- ☐ Functional kitchen with sufficient counter space and storage
- ☐ Appropriate bathroom configuration and quantity
- ☐ Ample natural light throughout the home
- ☐ Reliable heating, cooling, and ventilation
- ☐ Clean and reliable water supply

2. Safety Needs: Protecting What Matters

- ☐ Safe neighborhood with low crime rates
- ☐ Reliable home security systems (cameras, alarms)
- ☐ Sound structural integrity
- ☐ Proximity to fire, police, and hospital services
- ☐ Comprehensive safety detection systems (fire alarms, CO detectors)
- ☐ Reasonable insurance considerations

3. Love and Belonging: Creating Connection Spaces

- ☐ Comfortable and inviting communal living areas
- ☐ Kitchen layout that encourages social interaction
- ☐ Comfortable guest accommodation spaces
- ☐ Outdoor spaces for activities and socializing
- ☐ Family-friendly home layout

4. Esteem Needs: Supporting Personal Growth

- ☐ Dedicated home office or workspace
- ☐ Spaces to showcase personal achievements
- ☐ Areas for hobbies and creative pursuits
- ☐ Design that aligns with personal aesthetic
- ☐ Areas for personal solitude and reflection

5. Self-Actualization: Inspiring Personal Development

- ☐ Spaces for personal projects and study
- ☐ Inspirational home design or views
- ☐ Opportunities to connect with nature
- ☐ Areas for meditation and personal reflection

6. Luxury and Advanced Features

- ☐ Smart home technology
- ☐ Wellness infrastructure
- ☐ Sustainable living features
- ☐ Entertainment spaces
- ☐ Unique architectural elements
- ☐ Advanced appliance systems

Property Reflection

Property Address

Listing Price

Dealbreakers

List absolute non-negotiables

Potential Improvements

Areas that could be modified or upgraded

Additional Considerations

Other thoughts or special requirements

Emotional Response

- ☐ 👍 Feels Right
- ☐ 🤔 Uncertain
- ☐ 👎 Doesn't Feel Right

Future Potential

Potential future use or expansion of the property