



## Ask the Realtor: What to look for at an Open House

With the market today, an open house may be your only chance to look at a house before you make an offer. So make it count and be sure to check following:

**Utilities:** How old is the furnace, water heater, oil tank, gas burner? A lot of rust? When was the last time they were serviced? Is there a leak?

**Roof:** Is it lifting, buckling, covered with moss? Do you know the age of it?

**Storage:** Is there enough storage for your needs? Not just the kitchen but for your clothes, seasonal items, kids' toys, etc.

**Water Pressure:** Go ahead and turn on the faucet. No one wants a slow drip faucet, worse yet shower.

**Light:** Are there enough windows or recessed lighting. You can always add more but factor this into your decision.

**Neighborhood:** You can fix a leaky faucet, but not your neighbor's dog that chases you down the street or a 2AM bar closing around the corner.

**Water stains:** We are in New England and ice damns happen. But if there is excessive water stains something more serious may be happening.

**Rot:** Is it normal wear and tear on the windows or something else?

**Pests:** Look for droppings and holes in the wood. You may have a mouse problem or worse, termites.

**Smells:** Are there pets in the home? The carpets may contain more than just dirt.

## Escape Rooms

You walk into a room with several of your friends and the door locks behind you. Now you're stuck and you and your friends must search out clues to help you escape.

Escapes Rooms are perfect for an evening out when you don't want to do something traditional. The rooms have themes (ex: a casino heist, a sinister laboratory, or a prison cell break) and you must search the room(s) for clues to help you escape.

Typically there are 6 to 10 people in the room or a series of rooms in which you are locked into. You must work together to solve a series of clues, puzzles or riddles to escape.

The cost ranges from \$25 to \$40, depending on where you go. And you have a time limit to escape, most rooms are 60 to 90 minutes. It's great fun for everyone but remember, don't tell the secrets once you are done. Let others have the fun to work it out on their one.

Here are some of the places you can Escape.

Puzzlescape – Hudson MA – [puzzlescapehudson.com](http://puzzlescapehudson.com)

Breakout – Woburn or Marlboro MA – [breakoutgames.com](http://breakoutgames.com)

The Escape Room Westford – Westford MA – [escaperoomwestford.com](http://escaperoomwestford.com)

Puzzle Break Newton – Newton MA – [puzzlebreakma.com](http://puzzlebreakma.com)

The Gate Escape – Leominster MA – [thegateescape.com](http://thegateescape.com)

Escape Games Worcester – Worcester MA – [escapegamesworcester.com](http://escapegamesworcester.com)

Outside the Box – Webster MA – [outsidetheboxma.com](http://outsidetheboxma.com)

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