

Home Inspection Service

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Basement

Personal items may impair a full visual inspection of the basement. Conduct a thorough visual inspection when the personal items have been removed. During heavy periods of precipitation even normally dry basements can take on water.

Most of the basement windows have been replaced with wood framed windows in good condition with the exception of the rear basement window which has wood decay in the frame around the window; the decayed wood will need to be replaced. The front basement window behind the finished wall in the basement is an original wood framed basement window in reasonable condition. This window was screwed shut at the time of inspection and is the only access-point for inspection under the front porch. The rear window for viewing under the rear crawlspace area was covered over with wood and sealed shut at the time of inspection. This wood covering is in contact with the ground and could allow easy access to the home by ground dwelling insects such as termites. We strongly recommend that the wood structure be removed and replaced with insect resistant materials.

Ventilation for the basement is provided by its windows and the side-entry door.

The exterior side-entry door to the basement is constructed of metal in good condition. The weather-stripping appears to be in good condition.

The finished portions of the walls in the basement are in good condition.

The suspended-tile ceiling in the basement is in overall good condition but will require some maintenance repairs were portions of the railings have shifted and the tiles have moved.

The carpeting on the basement floor is in reasonable condition.

The concrete portions of the basement floor are in reasonable condition.

Heat for the basement is provided by the central heating system.

The stairs leading to the basement are constructed of wood in overall good condition. These stairs are somewhat narrow and caution should be used when ascending or descending the stairs.

During the humid months of the year use a dehumidifier to remove excessive moisture from the basement air.