

# New Homeowner Tips to Avoid a Disaster

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New homeowners should do all they can to prioritize safety. With all the hassle and excitement that comes with getting a new home, it is possible to forget some basic safety tips. Consider the following measures to avoid a disaster.

## 1. Inspection

Before moving into your new house, have it professionally inspected. ***An inspection involves; checking the structural components of a house to ensure that it is safe for habitation.*** During inspection, the foundation is examined. It should be able strong, free of cracks and able to direct the flow of water away from your house. The roof is checked to ensure it is free of leaks and that shingles are functional and attached properly. The plumbing and wiring systems are also checked to ensure they are in good working condition.

## 2. Fire Safety

About \$7 billion is lost in fire damage every year. The threat of fires is a very real one. It is best to be prepared. Make sure you have a few fire extinguishers strategically placed in different areas in your home. It is a good idea to have smoke detectors in your home too. If possible, have alarms installed in all major rooms. ***Check them at least once every six months.*** At the end of every year, ***replace the batteries*** of your smoke alarms. Make sure that your house has a ***proper escape plan*** in case of fires.

## 3. Trim Branches Around The House

In case of strong winds or floods, there is a possibility of overhanging branches falling on your roof or windows. Call a tree service to trim trees around your house. It may be dangerous to do it yourself.

## 4. Use No-burst Hoses For Clothes Washer

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The hoses on clothes washer can easily leak. Leaks can lead to a lot of water damage on your new home. Use no-burst hoses for clothes washers. They do not leak.

## 5. Siding Materials

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Since siding materials come in direct contact with different elements, they need to be checked every once in a while. Ensure that they are always in good working condition to ***protect your home from rot, flooding and mold.***

## 6. Heating And Cooling Unit

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Ensure that the heating and cooling systems of your home are ***cleaned often to avoid the growth and spread of mold spores.***

## 7. Electric System

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Any problems with your electric system should be handled professionally. ***Electrical faults could lead to a fire which can damage your home beyond repair.*** Make sure that appliances are disconnected from the power source before any repairs are done. If you have children, make sure they do not handle electric equipment without supervision. If, by accident, water is spilled on electric equipment, switch off power and unplug it.

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