

7 Do's and Don'ts of Buying a Home

Avoid common homebuying pitfalls with advice from the experts!

Do:

- Get pre-approved for a mortgage BEFORE you shop—avoid heartbreak by knowing what you can afford.
- Seek advice from an experienced professional—a Realtor® will help you navigate the entire process.
- Make an informed offer—based on comparable homes, not emotion.
- Look beyond the home's current condition—be aware of small things that can easily be fixed and larger issues that cannot.

Don't:

- Make an emotional decision—stay level headed to avoid buyer's remorse.
- Look at mortgage rates from ONLY one lender—do your due diligence and seek out rates from several lenders.
- Apply for lines of credit or make large credit purchases—your credit score will get dinged, impacting your pre-approval, mortgage approval and more.

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