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Q. I am in the process of buying my first home. As you often suggest, I hired a professional home inspector. He was recommended by the realty agent. His report said everything was fine. But I was not very satisfied. Is there someplace I can hire my own home inspector? — Sharon T.

A. Yes. That's easy. On the Internet, just go to www.ashi.org. Enter your zip

code, and you will find the names of American Society of Home Inspectors in your vicinity.

These ASHI inspectors usually have many years of home-inspection experience and are extremely competent to check out the home you plan to buy. Be sure to accompany your inspector to discuss any unexpected defects he or she discovers.

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