



California Real Estate
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The California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA) Urges Home Buyers, Sellers and REALTORS® to VERIFY IF THEIR HOME INSPECTOR HAS SUCCESSFULLY PASSED A BACKGROUND CHECK

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September 2019 - Long Beach, CA-2019 -- The State of California does **not** license home inspectors. CREIA takes the lead in requiring adherence to CREIA's Code of Ethics & Standard of Practice. CREIA members have been successfully setting the standard – in the field, in the courtroom, and in the legislature – for more than 40 years. **And now CREIA is taking the lead in requiring CREIA's Certified Home Inspectors to successfully undergo a background check. All members must undergo a background check to remain a member in good standing. All new members must undergo a background check as well and all members are now required to do this every two years.**

As well, CREIA's Standards of Practice have been recognized by the State of California [Section 1 of Stats.1996, c. 338 (S.B.258)], and are considered the source for home inspector standard of care by the real estate and legal communities.

CREIA urges consumers and REALTORS® to ASK IF YOUR HOME INSPECTOR IS CREIA APPROVED BACKGROUND VERIFIED (ABC) CERTIFIED? And if not, you strongly encouraged to ask if they have had a police background check performed by their home inspection association! (REWORK THIS PARAGRAPH TOO!)

"CREIA receives calls almost daily regarding homes that were not inspected and reported to the Standard," says Michele Blair, CREIA's Executive Director. "Many times, the inspector has misleadingly indicated in marketing materials and websites that he/she inspects according to the CREIA Standard of Practice. Others may indicate they are members of CREIA, when actually they are not. That's why we are promoting "ASK FOR THE CREIA (ABC) BADGE."

Please ASK FOR THE BADGE to ensure home inspectors are CREIA (ABC) Certified Inspectors or CREIA.

The name that appears on the badge identifies the inspector as a qualified and certified Inspector Member of the California Real Estate Inspection Association. It is a badge of distinction as it identifies the inspector as having successfully passed CREIA's rigorous certification and master certification requirements including a background check.

The badge assures REALTORS® and consumers that the Inspector has been tested and qualified in accordance with CREIA's Standards of Practice. Additionally, the CREIA Code of Ethics and background verification requires a high degree of professionalism and integrity.

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