

Hints For Homebuyers

What You Need To Know

(NAPSA)—In a survey of recent homebuyers, 57 percent said that if there were a problem with the title to their house, their Realtor® or their seller's agent would have told them. Actually, while a Realtor can help you find a home and guide you through the closing process, only a title professional will be able to tell you if there is a problem with your title.



When you purchase a house or property, a title professional searches the public records looking for outstanding liens or other problems that could affect the title. They often fix problems without ever telling the buyer, seller or real estate agent. The American Land Title Association recommends that you purchase an Owner's Policy of Title Insurance. For a one-time fee at closing, an Owner's Policy will protect you against any title problems that were not found during the search.

Rely on your Realtor® for help buying your home. Rely on your title professional to ensure your title is clear and to give you peace of mind. For more information on title insurance, visit the Consumer Information section of www.alta.org.