

## What Does a Property Surveyor Do?

Property Surveyors, sometimes referred to as land Surveyors, play a vital role in the real estate world. They are the professionals who determine or confirm the exact boundaries of a property.

Will you need to deal with a Property Surveyor when selling your home?

You might.

Sometimes the mortgage lender will ask for a land survey, especially if your property is older and hasn't changed hands in many years. You might also be asked for one by the buyer if there is any confusion about the size and boundaries of your property – or if significant changes have been made to it in recent years.

This is nothing to be concerned about.

A qualified Property Surveyor will do the appropriate inspection and measurements on your property and issue you the survey. (It looks a little like a blueprint.)

Property Surveyors are highly trained and licensed. In the United States, the profession is represented by the National Society of Professional Surveyors, with each state having its own governing body. In Canada, Professional Surveyors Canada (PSC) represents the profession nationally, and most



provinces have their own professional associations.

Before getting a new land survey, make sure you don't already have one. Hopefully, you've stored the paperwork that relates to the purchase of your home. Look through it. A valid land survey might be right there.

If you have questions about land surveys, call today.

## How to Watch Out for Poisons in Your Home

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 90% of exposures to poisons occur inside the home. Almost all are preventable, if you follow some simple guidelines.

- Look for the poison label on products you buy. Visually, it's a skull and cross bones, often (but not always) with the word POISON above it.
- Don't make assumptions. Sometimes a seemingly innocuous product, like a shampoo, can contain poison or other

ingredients which are harmful if swallowed.

- Avoid mixing different cleaning products together. When chemicals are combined, they change. Combining some cleaning products can even create toxic fumes.
- Keep all medication, even the non-prescription kind, out of reach of children. Never leave medicine on the bathroom counter.
- Never use pesticides inside the home

unless the product is clearly labeled for indoor use. Then, use only as directed.

- Never use a charcoal grill or barbecue indoors, no matter how well ventilated you think you've made it. Doing so can easily cause carbon monoxide poisoning.

One final tip. Pay attention to the expiry date of products, especially cosmetics and cleaning liquids. As chemicals age, they change and can emit harmful fumes.

## Think, Act... Live!

"You may not be able to see the path right now, but that doesn't mean it's not there." [Nick Vujicic](#)

"Creativity thinks up new things. Innovation does new things." [Theodore Levitt](#)

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there." [Vince Lombardi](#)