

Prevention Capsule



Foundation verification for your home

The security of your home begins with a solid foundation. A solid foundation in great state guarantees stability and durability for your home. To help prevent potential problems and maintain the value of your property, here are some simple tips to verify your home foundation.



- **Cracks inspection:** Examine the exterior and interior walls of your home to find cracks. Small cracks might indicate normal movement of the building, but larger ones may indicate a structural problem.

If you notice any worrying cracks, consult a professional.

- **Watch the building's movement or deformation:** Keep an eye on the doors and windows of your home. If you notice they are not correctly opening or they begin difficult to open, this might indicate foundation movement.
- **Analyse humidity:** Excess humidity around the foundation might bring major problems such as mould. Check for areas of water accumulation near the house. Make sure that the gutters and drainage systems are working properly to prevent water from seeping into the soil around the foundation.



- **Observe alignment:** Visually, check that the walls of your home are vertical, and the angles are right. A settling or shifting foundation can cause alignment problems.
- **Regular maintenance:** Prevention is better than cure. Carry out inspections if you notice any problems and resolve them before they become major ones.



By taking these simple steps to monitor the safety of your home's foundation, you'll help protect your investment and keep your family safe. Don't forget that your insurance company is there to support you in the event of a major problem, but prevention is still the best strategy.

Finding a licensed contractor who has the right skill set to manage the repairs or inspection on your home is recommended.

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