Questions to ask Real Estate Inspectors

Hiring the right home inspector could save you money, grief, and disappointments.

Don't be afraid to ask plenty of questions, including the following:

1. How long have you been working as an inspector?

2. Did you have any experience in the building trades before becoming an inspector? If so, what kind, and how much?

3. Do you belong to an association of inspectors? Are you a certified member?

4. What kind of equipment do you use while inspecting (binoculars/ladder/infrared, telescoping camera)?

5. Can you provide me with at least three references from people who have hired you in the past two years? (Follow up on these references, especially from clients who have owned their homes for at least six months.)