



LIVEABILITY FACTORS WHEN BUYING

There are many things to consider when choosing the home for you. It may seem obvious, but the importance of liveability and your wants and needs need to be addressed. Check out this list of the main liveability factors that you should consider when finding your next home.



Location

Location is key when searching for a home, as it is the one thing you can't change. Try not to get too caught up in the emotional side of the house hunt and overlook important factors related to location, such as how busy the street is, what the noise levels are like in the area and the future of the neighbourhood.



Proximity to Services & Work

When house hunting, take into consideration the potential home's proximity to different amenities, such as hospitals and grocery stores, as well as restaurants and other shops. If these are spots you visit frequently, you don't want to be driving a great distance to get gas or pick up dinner.

Schools are also an important factor to consider for parents, not just location wise, but also the reputation of the school. Being close to good schools is also great for resale.

Commute times are another important factor to consider when house hunting. Studies show that, the shorter the commute time, the happier the person.



Lifestyle

Your lifestyle is a huge factor to consider when house hunting. If you're an outdoorsy person who enjoys activities like hiking and biking, being close to lots of green spaces and bike trails might be something to look for. If you are active in your community, consider looking for a home that is close to cultural, community and athletic centers.

Taking your lifestyle into consideration when purchasing a home can help ensure that you continue living a life that you love.



Current Status & Future Plans

Taking your current status and future plans into consideration when house hunting is essential. Do you currently have kids, or are you planning on having kids in the near future? Do the homes you're looking at work with that plan, or will you need to move up to a bigger home in the future?

Regardless of what your plans are, evaluate your current situation and look at where you may be in 5 or 10 years and if the homes you're looking at make sense.

