



Handy Hints:

Arrive on time: Often, the agent has more than one open for inspection scheduled and timing is critical. Arriving late or in the closing minutes of the inspection is disrespectful.

Shoes off: It is common courtesy to remove your shoes as you enter another person's home, and the same goes at open for inspections. It is not polite to track dirt and mud throughout the home.

Remember, it is not your house: Do not take food or drink into an open home, and above all, do not use the toilet or bathroom. Facilities are there for everyone to view and inspect – not to be used. Should the need to relieve arise, seek an appropriate alternative, just as you would if you were merely passing by.

Leave your details: Register your name and phone number upon arrival and leave any feedback that is constructive about the house and its price. The registry is used to gauge interest in the home and to serve as a security measure.

Supervise children: Children should remain with adults at all times and not be left to their own devices, to roam freely around the house or backyard where mishaps can, and often do, occur. Other interested parties won't appreciate loud, uncontrolled children at the inspection.

Keep the driveway clear: The driveway will also be open for inspection and if visitors park their cars there, other interested parties cannot conduct a proper inspection. Also, some people will want to take in the look of the home from the road, without any visible impairment. Please also keep the lawns clear of your car.

Watch what you say: Your critique, whether good or bad, is just that – yours – and it should not necessarily be shared with others. You never know, the person near you may be the landlord, their family or friends, or an interested tenant.

Hands to yourself: Do not touch personal belongings. Going through cupboards, touching ornaments, picking up household items and sticky-nosing at photos on the walls is not good inspection etiquette.