## Don't take home safety for granted

Chances are pretty good you don't walk around your house asking your-self questions like, "I wonder if there are any potential carbon monoxide leaks around here?" Or, "Hawe I checked the temperature and pressure valve on the water heater lately of the control o

house is safe. Maybe so. But then again, maybe

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Rick Bowling, owner of AmeriSpec Home Inspection Service in Plymouth and Farmington Hills, doesn't want you to be in a constant state of panic about home safety. But he would like to encourage you to spend at least a couple of weeks at the beginning of the summer assessing the total safety of your house.

"When our professionals give homeowners a step-by-step tour, we point out more than 400 potential hards," be said. "It's not only a going step said." It's not only a going step said. "It's not only a going step in the said of the sum and the said of the sum on buying, and it's the smart way to help maintain value in the home you already own."

To get you thinking, Bowling has prepared a list of some areas in the house that could be potential safety concerns.

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and door between an attached garage and house are important. Storage of gasoline, chemicals, the housing of automobiles or sometimes the presence of hot water heaters and fur-naces make garage areas a high fire risk.

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Fire-resistant drywall is an acceptable wall finish. The door should be metal-clad insulated or at least a solid core wood without any glass. A pet door would compromise the integrity of a fire door, and dryer exhausts should not be run from the house into the garage.

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that can become distonged and cause injury.
Exposed wiring: Any exposed wiring or outside wiring low to the ground may be dangerous. Check to see if overhead wires pass over a swimming pool or outdoor hot tub. Bad news if they do.

Smoke detectors: They are inexpensive, readily available and you have to have them. Get them and put them in all living areas.
Water heater Look at the hot water tank. Make sure that dangerous fumes resulting from fuel combustion are properly vented toward the outside. Vent pipes, which typically are found at the top of the tank, should be positioned on an incline so the fumes are dispelled properly. The fumes should be directed to a "vehicle," such as a chimmey, to allow the fumes to dissipate into the atmosphere. Vent pipes should be free of holes, rust and corrosion.

Main electric service panel: Check for corrodad joins in water supply lines that may be located directly above the panel. Repair them, move them. Make sure the fuses are the right size.

Pools: Enclose the pool area with a four-foot-high fence and no foot hold. Check with your local building department regarding fonce height. All gates leading to the pool area should be self-closing with a self-latching system that is out of read of children. All exit doors and windows to the area should have an adarm pregrammed to sound when the door is open.

AmeriSpec inspections take two to three hours and generally cost \$200 to \$300 based on the square-footage of the house.

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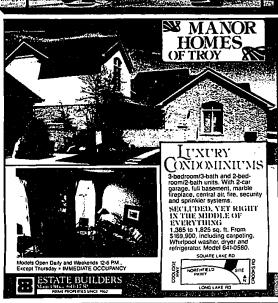
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