

# Krystal Marshayla Duckett Explains The Warning Signs Of Poor Home Construction

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SARASOTA, FL, UNITED STATES, July 3, 2018 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Krystal Marshayla Duckett](#), a renowned construction expert, explains that newly built homes usually have a few flaws. Generally, these are quite minor, such as uneven tile grout or a paint splodge. But sometimes, the issues are major and require immediate attention. Unfortunately, it is often quite difficult to spot these problems, not in the least because they are often hidden by the cosmetic elements of a property. In fact, sometimes, they are so well-hidden that home inspectors find it difficult to find them.

According to Krystal Marshayla Duckett, there are a number of things people can look out for. In an ideal situation, they will have checked the progress of the construction, to begin with. Before the closing date, a final examination of the property should take place, preferably with a professional inspector. Asking regular questions and conducting a walk-through once construction is finished is also important. Again, independent contractors should be allowed to join you in this. If that is not possible, perhaps because you purchased a recently completed new purchase or because some issues were not clear immediately, there are still things that can be done. Here, Krystal Marshayla Duckett speaks about the issues to look for outside and inside the property.

## Krystal Marshayla Duckett on the Inspection of the Exterior

On a finished home, you should:

1. Walk around the property, with a notepad and camera. If you see any issues with the doors or windows' sealing, exterior surfaces, concrete surfaces, or problems with the decking or patio, you should document those immediately.
2. If you have stucco exterior, you should see if there are any cracks that are wider than a hairline. Check the corners of doors and windows in particular. If you notice any spalling off or flaking, there may be a problem.
3. If you have a wood siding, check whether the boards have started to wave, particularly after some heavy rain. Try to see whether there is any moisture-induced swelling on the edges and ends. Look around the windows and doors, in particular, spotting any new cracks or opened joints. These are things you are not likely to notice until some time after completion.
4. Try to find gaps between stucco and doors, windows, pipes, hose bibs, electrical fixtures, and ducts. There could be an area that lets water in.
5. If you have any patios or decks outside, see whether the walking surface has started to crack, particularly where the deck and the wall meet.
6. Inspect your roof together with a qualified roofer. Never walk on the roof yourself, as this could even void your warranty, particularly if it is a tile roof. Instead, you should look at your interior walls and ceiling to see whether any water is coming through.
7. Look out for cracks in any concrete, such as your retaining walls, garage floors, driveways, or sidewalks. If you see any, then it is likely that the soil wasn't prepared properly or that the structure was not installed properly.

## Krystal Marshayla Duckett on the Inspection of the Interior

Inside a finished home, you should:

1. Be on the lookout for water stains around the doors, windows, drywall, and wood trim. Check the exterior doors' bases and window sills in particular.
2. Check all your ceiling surfaces and walls for drywall cracks. This could mean the soil has moved or that there are problems with the structural framing. Tape cracks and nail pops are not so significant.
3. Check to ensure that the doors can open and close properly. If they stick, they were probably badly installed. If this happens in the kitchen or bathroom and you find that the top and bottom of the door wasn't painted, moisture may have entered the wood, making it expand.
4. Look at your flooring. Uneven wooden boards, tile cracks, widening board cracks, stains in your carpet, issues with the floor near showers, doors, and windows, and curling and discolored linoleum are all indicative of water problems in the foundations.
5. Check under your kitchen sink for water stains.
6. Make sure that room temperature is easy to control, or you may have HVAC problems.
7. Try all your switches and electrical plugs.

Krystal Marshayla Duckett on What to Do in Case of Problems

If you spot any problems, it would be best to ask for a second opinion from a general contractor or other professional. They will inspect the issue you found and look a little deeper as well. Check whether you have a notification agreement with your builder, which means they should come out and repair such problems. If not, you may need to take legal action.

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