

SUMMER IS THE BEST TIME TO ...CHECK YOUR HOMES' FOUNDATION

In case you didn't already know, **house foundations** are the most important part of a home. Doesn't matter whether your home is a one bedroom cottage or a multi-bedroom sprawling abode, if the foundation has problems, the whole house has problems. Your home is the most important investment you will ever make, that's why it's so important to protect it.

Many people think to get fire, flood and other insurance, but there isn't any insurance policy per se for **house foundations**. So, what's a homeowner to do? How do you protect your investment? It can be simple or it can be complicated.

Begin by checking your **house foundation** for problems. But how do you know? First, look for warning early warning signs of problems. Do you get frequent water leaks in your basement? Do you have doors and/or windows that stick? Do you have cracks in your foundation or other walls in your home?

When it comes to **house foundations**, you may not think that frequent water leaks in your basement are actually a problem, but you would be wrong. Frequent water leaks can not only be a sign of a much larger problem within the **house foundation**, but these water leaks can actually weaken the foundation, eventually leading to major structural damage and issues.

If you answered yes to any of these questions you may already have a problem in your **house foundation**. The best plan of action is to find a qualified foundation repair specialist and have them do a free inspection. Look for someone who comes with good references and even better has a structural engineer on staff.

So, now that you know how important it is to protect **house foundations**, make sure you check for warning signs on a regular basis. Knowing is half the battle, use your knowledge and protect your most valuable investment!

Foundation Problem Signs

Cracked Block Foundation

Sign of lateral pressure on your basement walls. Stairstep and horizontal cracks in the mortar joints can be a sign of serious movement.

Cracks in Poured Concrete

Normally occurs during the curing process of concrete, and a simple repair. However, may also be a sign of settlement when combined with other signs such as windows and/or doors sticking

Cracks in Brick Facing

Cracks can indicate that your foundation has moved. If you notice these cracks, a professional should be contacted. Avoid cosmetic repairs prior to determining the cause of repairs.

Chimney Cracking/ leaning

Chimney's are often built on their own footer. Cracking and leaning are signs of movement in this footer. This should be examined by a professional.

Drywall Cracks

Shifting foundation will cause other damage in the house Drywall cracks around door frames and windows are common signs.

Sinking Foundation

Separation of the foundation from your home is a sign of serious settlement problems. This problem must be corrected.

Uneven Doors/Windows

Gaps between doors and framing are signs of movement in the home. When your foundation has shifted, other areas of the home will show the effects.