

5 WAYS TO BEAT THE STRESS OF BUYING A HOME

Death, Divorce and Moving are 3 of the Most Stressful experiences in life. 2 of these 3 experiences are out of your control, the 3rd Moving is all up to you. As a first home buyer or even someone who has moved on several occasions but yet to experience a pleasant transition.... Don't let this experience be negative. Buying and Moving should be an Exciting time filled with memorable moments.

1. Begin with the End in Mind

Know in your mind where you want to be. Know why you want to move and know why the move is going to better your life. So if anxiety takes a grip you will be able to focus on why you want to move, the positives. Quite often buyers miss out on properties because they hesitate out of fear and anxiety. You will know what your goal is. Where you want to be and why!

2. Be Flexible

Have a preferred buying range and then have an absolute maximum you can spend. Sometimes what you're looking for may not be in your preferred price range. Aim to stay in the range by being flexible in what you will buy. An example being you want a large home with a double garage but one that you like only has a single garage. Perhaps you can add a carport later on, or even add a second garage if there is the space.

3. Trust In The Process

There's just so much to do, it's easy to panic. You wonder if it will ever work out. You think you're taking a big chance, but in fact you are giving yourself a big chance. Although you can't see every step of the way, you are still moving forward to achieving your goals. To help yourself ask friends and family who have purchased before about their experiences. Ask your agent there is much advice they can convey and ask your conveyancer or solicitor who will be able to alleviate any underlying legal questions you may have.

4. Get Knowledge

To add to the last point, Ask Questions! The more knowledge you have the smoother things will run. Read up about real estate, watch the property shows and ask your agent, finance broker, conveyancer/solicitor questions about procedure. Ask questions about the real estate jargon. These people are there to service you, don't be afraid to ask any questions even if you feel foolish asking them.

5. What Is Your Option?

When things don't do smoothly as we had hoped, don't let your emotions take over. Its easy to get upset and miss the point of the experience. Always ask yourself "What is are my options?" because like everything in life there are always options. An example maybe your financier is asking for more and more documentation and is taking a lot longer than expected, you are frustrated. What are your options? Get a new financier, stop looking or tell them of your grief and give them a few more days. Quite often a brief discussion may outline the hold up. In any case try, to sit back when things get frustrating and say to yourself "What are my options?".

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