

## Realtor Insurance Risk Checklist



Realtor Note: Dealstoppers unless fixedhave clients consult insurance advisor early.

## Red Flags (High Risk — May Limit or Block Insurance)

Often require an agent consult before offers. Can delay or stop closings.

- Roof & Structure: Roof over 20 yrs, severe damage, leaks, sagging, wood shake in wildfire zones, compromise rafters/trusses
- Systems:
  - Outdated electrical (knob & tube, aluminum wiring)
  - Federal Pacific or Zinsco panels (1930s–1980s)
  - Plumbing: Galvanized, lead, or polybutylene (not updated)
  - Major foundation cracks, water damage, asbestos, severe mold
- Location: PPC 10 (no fire protection), flood zone AE/VE, high wildfire risk with no mitigation Special Hazards: Aggressive dog breeds with bite history, exotic animals, unfenced pools, trampolines without safety
- Home Type: Historic registry, unpermitted additions, vacant/abandoned, non-standard heating (wood/kerosene), short-term rentals w/out endorsements
- Other: Underground oil tank leaks, multiple prior property claims, foreclosures with long vacancies



Realtor Note: Not deal-killers, but **expect** higher premiums set expectations early.

## **Yellow Flags (Moderate Risk — Insurable but More Expensive)**

Expect higher premiums, stricter deductibles, or limited carrier choice.

- Roof & Structure: Roof near end of life (10–15 yrs shingles; 20+ tile/metal), non-standard roofs (rolled, gravel, asbestos, t-lock)
- Systems: Older HVAC, oil heat tanks, galvanized plumbing, wood/pellet stoves (ensure inspected & installed professionally)
- Location: PPC 9 (rural fire protection), homes on stilts/piers, severe weather areas
- Special Hazards: Pools with outdated safety, trampolines (even with nets), certain dog breeds, detached barns/workshops in poor repair
- Home Type: Mobile homes, multi-family dwellings, homes with daycares/businesses, condos/townhomes relying on master policy
  - Other: Low buyer credit, prior claims, seasonal/secondary homes, missing handrails, poorly maintained sheds



Realtor Note: Green flag homes = faster closings, smoother deals, **no insurance** surprises.

## **Green Flags (Low Risk — Smooth Sailing)**

Easiest to insure, best rates, and most options.

- Roof & Structure: Good condition, standard materials, strong foundation
- Systems: Modern wiring, plumbing, HVAC, central heating
- Location: PPC 1-4 (close to fire hydrants/station), not in flood or wildfire zones
- Special Hazards: Pools with full safety features, no trampolines/aggressive dogs
- Home Type: Single-family, owner-occupied, under 20 yrs old OR fully updated w/ permits
- Other: Strong buyer credit, clean claims history, monitored security, proactive maintenance,

smoke/CO detectors, fire extinguishers

