



California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA) Press / Media Information
Latest Press Release: CREIA Committed to Educating Home Inspectors

Courtesy of the California Real Estate Inspection Association (CREIA)

August 2005 (*Palm Springs, Calif*) - The continuing education of quality home inspectors is a priority commitment of the California Real Estate Inspection Association. Beginning July 2005, CREIA and its 25 chapters throughout the state will be offering more than 275 technical-content chapter meetings (*lasting 2-3 hours each*), plus 50-plus day-long specialized training sessions (*called "toolboxes"*), as well as multi-day-long statewide conferences twice a year

"The home inspector members of CREIA want to stay informed on the latest building technologies and updates affecting their home buying clients" says Bill Poulton, Chairman of the 1,200+ member organization. "With over 65,000 'pieces and parts' in a typical home, there is a lot to keep current on," continues Chairman Poulton, "of course, we can't see through walls, furniture and floor coverings, but we can still provide a very informative and independent report for homebuyers".

A professional home inspector needs to be familiar with general construction practices and maintenance. They also know how to spot clues about your home's conditions. A fresh coat of paint could be a mere cosmetic touch or hiding a serious problem. The educated inspector can spot and review these clues and present a professional opinion as to the condition of the property. So whether it's needed information on fireplaces, electrical panels, HVAC systems, pools, roofing issues, safety glazing, water heaters, plumbing systems, moisture intrusion, concrete concerns or the many, many other components and systems of a home, the CREIA inspector member will find many educational resources to maintain their needed level of knowledge to be the best for their clients.

Education of home inspectors is the primary mission of CREIA. The educational growth of the individual inspector through participation in membership activities, where the sharing of experience and knowledge results in the betterment of the home inspection profession and the overall protection of the consumer public.

To locate a qualified CREIA inspector near you visit www.CREIA.com or call CREIA at (800) 388-8443. Since 1976, CREIA, a non-profit voluntary membership organization has been providing education, training, and support services to the real estate inspection industry and to the public. Inspectors must adhere to CREIA's Code of Ethics and follow the Standards of Practice developed by the association. These Standards of Practice have been recognized by the State of California, and are considered the source for home inspector Standard of Care by the real estate and legal communities.

CREIA requires its members to successfully pass a comprehensive written examination of property systems, have performed at least 50 fee-based inspections and complete a minimum of 30 hours of continuing education each year. Members can accumulate credits through various sources of education including monthly chapter meetings, conferences, and other approved activities. CREIA keeps records to ensure that members are complying with the requirements. Educational topics cover a variety of technical subjects including updates and advances affecting the profession of real estate inspection. CREIA is dedicated to consumer protection and education.

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