

# PROPERTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT RESIDENTIAL

Date of disclosure: \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a statement made by the seller concerning the property located at:

**ADDRESS** ▶

**THE SELLER IS RESPONSIBLE for the accuracy of the answers on this property disclosure statement and where uncertain should reply "Do Not Know." This property disclosure statement constitutes a representation under any Contract of Purchase and Sale if so agreed, in writing, by the seller and the buyer.**

THE SELLER SHOULD INITIAL THE APPROPRIATE REPLIES.

	YES	NO	DO NOT KNOW	DOES NOT APPLY
<b>1. GENERAL</b>				
A. Are the premises connected to a public sanitary sewer system?				
B. Are the premises connected to a public water system?				
C. Are the premises connected to a private or a community water system?				
D. Is the property serviced by a private well?				
E. Is the property serviced by a septic system/lagoon?				
F. Do the premises contain unauthorized accommodation?				
G. Are you aware of any underground oil storage tank(s) on the property?				
H. Are you aware of any encroachments, unregistered easements or unregistered rights-of-way?				
I. Are you aware of any current or pending local improvement levies/charges?				
J. Have you received any other notice or claim affecting the property from any person or public body?				
K. Are there any equipment leases or service contracts, i.e. security systems, water purification, etc.?				
L. Were these premises constructed by an "owner builder," as defined in the <i>Homeowner Protection Act</i> , with construction commencing, or a building permit applied for, after July 1, 1999? (If so, attach required Owner Builder Declaration and Disclosure Notice.)				
M. Are these premises covered by third party "home warranty insurance"?				
<b>2. STRUCTURAL</b>				
A. To the best of your knowledge, are the exterior walls insulated?				
B. To the best of your knowledge, is the ceiling insulated?				
C. To the best of your knowledge, have the premises ever contained asbestos insulation?				
D. Has a final building inspection been approved or a final occupancy permit been obtained?				
E. Has the wood stove/fireplace insert installation been approved by local authorities?				
F. Are you aware of any additions or alterations made without a required permit and final inspection?				
G. Are you aware of any additions or alterations made in the last sixty days?				

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## INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPERTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

### RESIDENTIAL

This information is included for the assistance of the parties only. It does not form part of the property disclosure statement.

#### EFFECT OF THE PROPERTY DISCLOSURE STATEMENT:

The property disclosure statement will not form part of the Contract of Purchase and Sale unless so agreed by the buyer and the seller. This can be accomplished by inserting the following wording in the Contract of Purchase and Sale:

“The attached Property Disclosure Statement dated  
\_\_\_\_\_ yr. \_\_\_\_\_ is incorporated into  
and forms part of this contract.”

#### ANSWERS MUST BE COMPLETE AND ACCURATE:

The property disclosure statement is designed, in part, to protect the seller by establishing that all relevant information concerning the property has been provided to the buyer. It is important that the seller not answer “do not know” or “does not apply” if, in fact, the seller knows the answer. An answer must provide all relevant information known to the seller. In deciding what requires disclosure, the seller should consider whether the seller would want the information if the seller was a potential buyer of the property.

#### BUYER MUST STILL MAKE THE BUYER’S OWN INQUIRIES:

The buyer must still make the buyer’s own inquiries after receiving the property disclosure statement. Each question and answer must be considered, keeping in mind that the seller’s knowledge of the property may be incomplete. Additional information can be requested from the seller or from an independent source such as the Municipality or Regional District. The buyer can hire an independent inspector to examine the property and/or improvements to determine whether defects exist and to provide an estimate of the cost of repairing problems that have been identified on the property disclosure statement or on an inspection report.

#### FOUR IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS:

1. The seller is legally responsible for the accuracy of the information which appears on the property disclosure statement. Not only must the answers be correct, but they must be complete. The buyer will rely on this information when the buyer contracts to purchase the property. Even if the property disclosure statement is not incorporated into the Contract of Purchase and Sale, the seller will still be responsible for the accuracy of the information on the property disclosure statement if it caused the buyer to agree to buy the property.
2. The buyer must still make the buyer’s own inquiries concerning a property in addition to reviewing a property disclosure statement, recognizing that, in some cases, it may not be possible to claim against the seller, if the seller cannot be found or is insolvent.
3. Anyone who is assisting the seller to complete a property disclosure statement should take care to see that the seller understands each question and that the seller’s answer is complete. It is recommended that the seller complete the property disclosure statement in the seller’s own writing to avoid any misunderstanding.
4. If any party to the transaction does not understand the English language, consider obtaining competent translation assistance to avoid any misunderstanding.

#### ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION:

Parties to this contract may pursue alternate dispute resolution if a dispute arises after completion of the transaction.

It is recommended that the parties first mediate the dispute. Failing agreement to mediate, or if the mediation fails, then disputes can be submitted to an arbitration under the *Commercial Arbitration Act*.

BCREA Member Boards can provide guidance on the selection of mediation and arbitration services in your area.