

Potential Problems with New Builds (Condos)

- 1. Bad workmanship
- 2. Poor quality building materials
- 3. Developer/builder goes bankrupt
- 4. Cost overruns
- 5. Prices fall while being built
- 6. Dealing with construction (not all complete at the same time)
- 7. Quality control issues with different trades
- 8. Building supply shortages
- 9. Banking /mortgage approval at time of possession
- 10. Buyers defaulting on purchase at completion
- 11. Expensive marketing techniques required
- 12. Increase in costs from time of purchase to possession
- 13. Weather delays
- 14. Issues with property management companies...Will it be good management?
- 15. Issues with builders not putting money in reserve fund
- 16. No condo board
- 17. Delay in creating condo board, development of reserve funds, study, plans, bylaws
- 18. Differences with changing plans
- 19. Misunderstanding on 'standard' finishings (buyer not getting what they think / think they are getting the show suite when in fact they are not)
- 20. Potentially inexperienced condo board
- 21. Future condo board expectations not known
- 22. Terrible location
- 23. Overpriced in the first place
- 24. Selling all units
- 25. Delay in finishing amenities due to decreased sales/occupancy
- 26. Overpromise & under deliver
- 27. Bad layouts
- 28. No parking or assigned unknown
- 29. Need to find solid investors
- 30. Traffic problems
- 31. Builder may not pay commissions
- 32. Client finds unit on their own
- 33. Elevator filled with drywall dust
- 34. No condo docs in place (just proposed ex. budget not known)
- 35. Don't know who neighbors will be
- 36. May not know if you will lose your view in the future
- 37. Uncertain possession date
- 38. Too many speculators forcing prices down (too many on the market)
- 39. Pride of ownership issues (don't know how many renters vs owners)
- 40. Will pets be ok long term, age restrictions
- 41. How will common area be furnished
- 42. Security



- 43. Building issues not visible right off the top (water damage)
- 44. Condo fee unrealistic & likely to increase first year
- 45. Badly insulated
- 46. Low reserve fund
- 47. Special assessments (1st mistake felt by all)
- 48. No reputation
- 49. Builder won't fix or take responsibility for issues down the road ie)elevators don't work
- 50. Outstanding bills not paid by builder & levied against owners