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5 THINGS TO CONSIDER WHEN YOU'RE SEARCHING FOR YOUR DREAM NEIGHBOURHOOD



SAFETY

Check the crime rate with the local real estate agent, police and security company. It could be that the area you're looking in is a magnet for crime. If that's the case and you decide to buy, remember when the time comes to sell it might not be so easy.

CONVENIENCE

Convenience impacts your happiness. Is there a centre where you can accomplish all errands at once – pick up your groceries, fill a prescription, find a last-minute gift or refill with fuel. Easy access on a regular basis is key to keeping your stress level low, as well as avoiding spending too much money.

GOOD SCHOOLS

Private and public schools can greatly affect the value of a home. While schools might be more important to a family with children or a couple hoping to start a family, good schools should be a priority on anyone's list. If you don't have children, it's important to understand how the quality of the school system in that zone will affect the resale of your home.

ANNOYING SOUNDS & SMELLS

Visit the neighbourhood at different times of the day! Listen to and, believe it or not, smell what's going on there. An area might be perfect on paper, but after more visits you might realize the trees in the backyard actually hides a major road, local restaurants and bars that can create noise which will never go away.

ACTIVITIES & RECREATION

Make sure the neighbourhood suits your lifestyle. Families might be interested in parks, as well as extra murals activities. A single person with a dog might want a dog park, plus an active nightlife scene with bars or restaurants close by. You may have to compromise on some of your desires, but just make sure the amenities most important to you are within reach.