

## Why you need an attorney when buying a home

Buying a home is one of the largest purchases you will make and there are so many things to consider. From the home inspection to completing deeds and signing agreements for repairs, many of the issues involved in purchasing a home can be complicated to navigate on your own.



Here are just a few of the legal issues involved when buying a home:

### Reviewing contracts and purchase agreements

Having an attorney take a look at your contracts and agreements to ensure that everything is in your best interest is a valuable service when buying or selling a home. Our network attorneys are available for document review and consultation to talk through any documents you are signing and make sure you understand the agreements.

### Drawing up contracts for inspections

Having an inspection done is one of the most important parts of the home buying process. If your inspection uncovers any issues with the home, an attorney can help you to draw up a contract to have repairs made or potentially negotiate on the price to allow you to cover the repairs yourself.

### Performing title searches and reviewing deeds

An attorney can run title searches to find out if there are any liens or other judgements on the home. If a search uncovers an issue with the home, an attorney can give you advice on what to do. Attorneys can also draft or review deeds related to the purchase.

### Attending the closing

An attorney can help you to review the loan documents and help to ensure that the fees are what you and the seller agreed to. If you have any questions during the process on the documents you are signing, an attorney can answer them and handle any last-minute issues. In some states an attorney is required to attend a closing.

Your employer offers MetLife Legal Plans to access their network of pre-qualified, experienced attorneys to assist with the legal aspects of the home buying process. To learn more about your coverages and see our attorney network, create an account at [members.legalplans.com](https://members.legalplans.com), or call 800.821.6400.