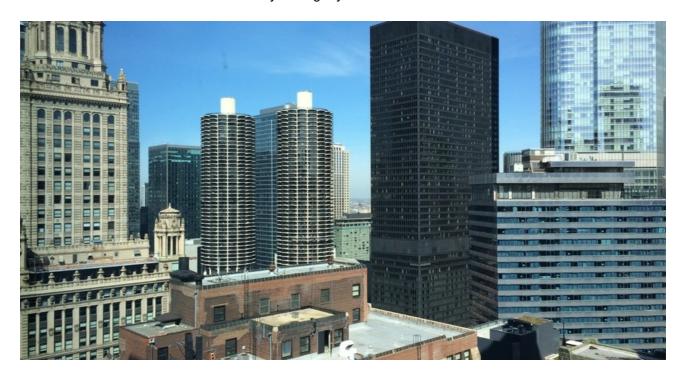
10 Tips For Buying a Home in Chicago

If you're looking to buy a home in Chicago, here are the pieces of advice you need to know before you begin your search.



Get pre-approved by a mortgage lender
Put aside more money than you expect for a down payment and closing costs
Strengthen your credit score so you get the absolute best rate
Familiarize yourself with your target neighborhood's market
Attend open houses in your target neighborhood(s)
Determine what your absolute deal breakers are
Think of what criteria you can be flexible on
Know your timeline for buying
Determine scenarios if you find a place earlier or later than expected
Sit down with a licensed realtor and begin the search!