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!