

# Steps To Buy A Home in Chicago

Are you looking to buy a home in Chicago? Are you a first time homebuyer and don't know the steps?  
This checklist will guide you!



- ☐ Initial meeting with a real estate agent
- ☐ Get a pre-approval from a lender
- ☐ Begin your search for that perfect home
- ☐ Find a place and decide to make an offer
- ☐ Negotiate the best deal for yourself with the help of your agent
- ☐ Have your contract accepted
- ☐ Sign all purchase agreement paperwork, disclosures, riders, etc.
- ☐ Turn in your initial earnest money
- ☐ Choose a real estate attorney to begin attorney review process
- ☐ Have your home inspection; Address any issues that arise
- ☐ Conclude attorney review period
- ☐ Turn in the balance of earnest money
- ☐ Submit loan application
- ☐ Meet all contract contingency dates
- ☐ Receive the clear to close from your lender
- ☐ Have the final walkthrough the night before or morning of closing
- ☐ Close on your new home and move in!

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