

## Toolbox Talks

### Home Inspection Nightmares Part 1

#### ◀ Clean & Zappy

"This photo shows a live fuse box located next to a working kitchen sink. I can't believe this was ever legal."

*Matthew Steger  
WIN Home Inspection – Elizabethtown  
Elizabethtown, Pa.*



#### Stepping It Up on the Weird Factor ▶

"I encountered these milk crate stairs leading to a deck in Santa Cruz, Calif. This coastal town is known for its bumper stickers that say 'Keep Santa Cruz Weird.' It seems as if some of the locals are doing their part."

*Brett Reeder  
Compass Home Inspections, LLC*



#### ◀ Jarring Discovery

"This jar was being used to keep the rain off of an exposed electrical wire entering a house through the roof."

*Scott Warga  
American Construction Specialists &  
Investigations  
Gilbert, Ariz.*



#### ▶ A Step in the Wrong Direction

"A bank appraiser stated the step to the cement pad was too high, so he wanted another step. A carpenter came and built another step. This is what was approved by the appraiser."

*David Grudzinski  
Advantage Home Inspections  
Cranston, R.I.*



#### ◀ Bottlenecked

"I'm guessing that a beer bottle is not an approved duct-support system. This may show my age, but it looks like (from the bottle) that this was done on a weekend—the old commercial did say, 'weekends are made for Michelob.'"

*Tim Hemm  
Tim Hemm Inspections  
Yucaipa, Calif.*

#### ▶ Precarious Party

"Recipe for disaster: Start with a vacation rental, add 2 margaritas, a bit of dark nighttime and a hot tub on a cantilevered and rail-free deck—seemingly built without adult supervision. Expect the hospital stay to be, oh, about 2 years."

*Jason Gingery  
View Point Inspections  
Santa Cruz, Calif.*



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#### ◀ Where There's Smoke There's Fire

"I guess someone was sneaking cigarettes and figured he or she would hide the butts somewhere where nobody would find them—like inside the electrical panel, where a fire could damage the whole house's system."

*Tim Quinn  
Pillar to Post – Pittsburgh  
Monroeville, Pa.*

#### More Than a Drop in the Bucket ▶

"I guess hanging a bucket off the wall was easier and cheaper than fixing the roof."

*Tim Hemm  
Tim Hemm Inspections  
Yucaipa, Calif.*



#### Blows My Mind ▶

"Excuse me, sir. Why do you have a box of explosives in your crawl space? And why is there a wire attached to it? Never mind, I'll be leaving now."

*Dan Chapleski  
True North Inspection Services  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho*



#### ◀ Sure to Blow the Roof Off

"Look around those attics. You never know what you'll find. This WWII mortar shell was not marked 'inert,' so it was suspected live. The fire department was called, who called military specialists to remove it. It was found to be a dud, but the neighborhood was snarled for several hours."

*John Dirks Jr.  
Arundel Home Inspection, LLC  
Severna Park, Md.*



#### ◀ The Band-Aid Fix

"What to do when the tile needs help? Go to the medicine cabinet for repair supplies."

*David Grudzinski  
Advantage Home Inspections  
Cranston, R.I.*

#### That's Jacked Up! ▶

"That's a bottle jack supporting the stairs."

*David Grudzinski  
Advantage Home Inspections  
Cranston, R.I.*

