

IS YOUR MARYLAND HOME SHOWING SIGNS OF STRUCTURAL DAMAGE?

Structural damage is a serious problem that can lead to many issues in homes of any age. The signs can easily go unnoticed, unless you know what to look for.



SLOPING FLOORS

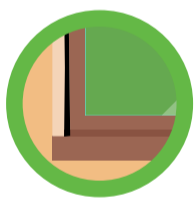
Sloped or sagging floors are more than just a nuisance, they can also be a dangerous sign that the foundation of your home is uneven. Slopes can be subtle, but look out for things rolling around easily or nails popping up.

Sagging floors can be caused by improper installation, shifts in foundation, or even from changes in the weather. If your floors are sloping due to a structural problem, however, it could be because the joists that support your home have broken or rotted.



FLOOR AND WALL CRACKS

Cracks in the ceiling or walls do not always point to a structural problem, but it is good to take notice of them, especially when paired with another sign from this list. If the cracks are large or jagged, they are more likely to be caused by a structural problem. Make sure to look for cracks both indoors and outside your Eastern Shore home.



DOOR AND WINDOW FRAME GAPS

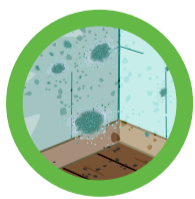
Gaps in your home is one sign that nearly always points to a structural issue. Walls that have windows or doors are also more vulnerable to moisture infiltration. When that moisture comes in, it begins to warp the foundation, causing gaps to occur both inside and outside of your home. Look for:

- Gaps between the window or door frames
- Gaps between the floor and wall
- Doors and windows that stick or get caught when opening and closing



SOIL PULLING AWAY FROM HOME

If soil, porch, or stairs start to pull away from your home, this is an indication of foundation issues. This shift in the foundation can lead to more issues if not addressed, like allowing moisture to warp joists and beams.



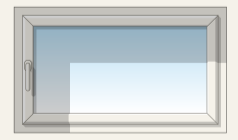
MOISTURE ISSUES

Moisture getting into the wooden frame of a home is the most common cause of structural damage. When it comes to solving moisture problems, it's best to address them at the source. Crawl space encapsulation and mold remediation can stop moisture damage in its tracks.

HOW TO FIX STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Whether your home has a full basement or crawl space, Total Home Performance can help you with structural repair services in the Eastern Shore.

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If you're worried about the structure in your Eastern Shore's home don't hesitate to call Total Home Performance today.



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