

GROUND FLOOR

Home Inspection



Chris Kjeldsen

Education, Integrity, and Confidence at the Foundation

For Chris Kjeldsen, home inspection has never been just about checking boxes or identifying defects. From the beginning, his work has been rooted in education, safety, and a deep commitment to helping people succeed. As the owner of Ground Floor Home Inspection in Colorado Springs, Chris brings a rare combination of field experience, national training expertise, and a teacher's mindset to every inspection and every transaction.

Chris's journey into the inspection industry began with a simple but firm conviction: if he was going to do this work, he was going to do it right. From the outset, he committed himself to operating at the highest professional level—even in a state like Colorado, where home inspectors are not licensed. Rather than treating that lack of regulation as an excuse to do the

minimum, Chris chose to hold himself and his team to the standards required in licensed states across the country.

That meant passing national exams, pursuing ongoing continuing education, and strictly following established standards of practice set by national organizations within the inspection industry. "Licensing or not," Chris explains, "the standards exist for a reason. They protect buyers, Realtors, and inspectors alike."

That dedication to standards and structure quickly set Ground Floor Home Inspection apart. Chris focused heavily on producing clear, thorough inspection reports that documented not

only what was wrong with a home, but also what was present and functioning properly. While many inspection reports omit items unless something is defective, Ground Floor reports are intentionally comprehensive—acknowledging elements like sidewalks, foundations, and systems even when they are in satisfactory condition. The goal is transparency and proof of diligence, reducing confusion and uncertainty for buyers and agents alike.

As Chris deepened his expertise, he found himself increasingly drawn to the training side of the industry. He maintained close contact with his early mentor, John Coleman, often attending classes simply to observe, assist, and



learn. That passion did not go unnoticed. Within a few years, Chris was invited to step into an instructional role himself.

Now in his 11th year as a national instructor, Chris has taught home inspection courses in more than 30 states. His classes range from brief four-hour sessions to intensive, multi-week programs requiring more than 120 classroom hours and hands-on field training. Across all formats, his approach remains consistent: teach the technical standards thoroughly, but never lose sight of the human element.

"I see students the same way I see clients," Chris says. "They're people who want to do well, who want to protect others, and who often just need someone to believe in them."

Many of his students enter the inspection field after difficult career experiences—feeling undervalued, overworked, or unsure of their direction. Chris takes that seriously. He focuses not only on technical competence, but also on confidence, communication, and personal growth. Over the years, he has watched students build successful inspection businesses, transition into related careers like real estate, and even step into teaching roles themselves.

That teaching philosophy has directly shaped the culture at Ground Floor Home Inspection. Several members of Chris's team are natural educators, many with backgrounds in martial arts instruction with Universal Kempo Karate or coaching—disciplines that

emphasize discipline, respect, and clear communication. The result is an inspection team that approaches each appointment as an opportunity to educate rather than intimidate.

For Realtors, this approach makes a meaningful difference during transactions. Chris and his team understand that inspections can be emotionally charged moments for buyers. Their job is not to create fear, but to provide clarity. They take time to explain findings, distinguish between normal wear and genuine safety concerns, and help clients understand what truly matters.

This educational approach also helps reduce one of the most common fears Realtors express: the concern that



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an inspector will “blow up” a deal. Chris addresses this directly—both in his Realtor education classes and in practice. “We don’t kill deals,” he says. “We report what the house has. Clear communication and proper language make all the difference.”

“gotchas” early and prepare clients accordingly, surprises are minimized. Ground Floor supports this process by serving as a resource even before inspections take place—answering questions, reviewing photos, and helping agents assess concerns proactively.

and industry education across multiple states, Chris stays informed about emerging issues, recalls, and material failures long before they become widely known. From electrical panel recalls to defective plumbing fittings, his team is often ahead of the curve—knowledge that directly benefits buyers and protects transactions.

Chris encourages Realtors to view inspections as a collaborative process that begins well before inspection day. When agents understand common

Another advantage Ground Floor brings to the table is Chris’s nationwide professional network. Because he remains deeply involved in training

Ultimately, the mission behind Ground Floor Home Inspection is simple and consistent: create informed buyers, smooth transactions, and confident partnerships. Chris sums it up clearly: “The goal is a well-informed homebuyer, a successful transaction, and no surprises. When everyone understands what’s happening, everyone wins.”

For Realtors who prioritize client care, communication, and professionalism, Ground Floor Home Inspection offers more than a service—it offers a true partnership built on trust, education, and shared success.

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