

WHY IS MY FOUNDATION FAILING?

# EXTERIOR WALL CRACKS

Or walls that are bulging or detaching from the building can indicate foundation problems.....  
but why are my walls cracking? There could be many reasons;

- ◆ Shrinking or expanding soils
- ◆ Drought conditions or overly wet soil
- ◆ Leaking sewer pipes and supply lines
- ◆ Poor compaction or fill techniques
- ◆ Tree roots or erosion issues
- ◆ Hillside slipping or downhill creep
- ◆ Poor construction techniques
- ◆ Material, (footing failure) or termite infestation

**So, how do you know if you actually have a foundation problem?**

The first step is to recognize the signs, and then determine if hiring a professional is right for you.

Many homeowners worry that their home is experiencing some type of foundation problem, are often relieved to learn their problem is a simple maintenance issue, but knowing the difference between a simple repair and a serious foundation problem can often be a daunting task.

The key is recognizing the signs.

Each year, foundation problems cause more damage to homes than Hurricane Katrina and Sandy combined.

