

A site inspection of an End User's office is required to obtain a FULL or COMPLETE consumer credit report from the credit bureaus. End User=You.

This was implemented by Equifax and TransUnion in 2009/2010 respectively and ALL Tenant Screening Companies and All Resellers of consumer reports which includes TVS must comply.

What is a Site Inspection?

A certified site inspector will conduct the inspection of the office where you conduct your tenant screening from, and it must meet criteria as noted below.

Home office

- Office must be separate from living quarters and have a key lock entry (cannot be a bedroom or be used for any other purpose than business)
- Computer must be password protected
- Must have a shredder or use a shredding service
- Must have a locking file cabinet or desk

Commercial Office

- Office must have a key lock entry
- Must have proper signage reflecting the business name
- Computer must be password protected
- Must have a shredder or use a shredding service
- Must have a locking file cabinet or desk

The site inspection takes approximately 3-5 business days to complete and results will be provided as soon as they are available.

For further information regarding site inspections <u>click here</u>.

The cost of a site inspection is \$54.00 and TVS does not profit from this.

*TVS offers an alternate Summary Report where a Site Inspection is not required. Review Option 1 below for further details on TVS Summary Report.

90% of TVS members choose Option 1 (Summary Report).

Please view a sample of our TVS Summary Report HERE.

Option 1 (Summary Report) is the best option available to you that any tenant screening company provides without having a site inspection. If this does not work for you then you can order a site inspection to obtain a full credit report. TVS is confident that this easy to read report from Equifax which includes the credit score when available will suffice quite nicely. Contact customerservice@tenantverification.ca for further information.

Why is a Site Inspection required?

Identity Theft is the major culprit here. Too many databases were being breached by Identity Thieves posing as Landlords and Employers. The Credit Bureaus in the USA & Canada were mandated to implement stricter guidelines to prevent identity theft in this manner. Now we have site inspections to ensure that you are operating a legitimate business and not a false store front, as Identity Thieves do. Identity Thieves are to blame for this... landlords may also become fraud victims of identity thieves, refer to the FAQs on the TVS website for information on how to protect your business against identity theft.

^{*}If you operate from a **home office**, then the site inspection must be completed annually.

^{*}If you operate from a **commercial office**, then this is a onetime inspection unless the physical location or ownership of the business changes.