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The five condo unit locations you should think twice about.

The first consideration of most buyers is the location of the building. However, the location of the suite is just as important. Where it is situated within the building is critical – it could affect your ability to enjoy your new home. Every building is different, and every buyer's preferences are different. But some units may be less desirable, simply due to their location.

Here are the five unit locations you may want to think twice about.

Near the garbage chute

Noise, funky smells, messes – need we say more? If the building is well-managed, you may not have a problem. Buildings with restrictions on the times during which garbage chutes may be used mean you won't have to worry about being woken up by late-night dumpers.

Near the elevators

Living in a unit near the elevators may mean hearing your neighbours more often than you'd like. (On the other hand, you might prefer being close to the elevator as it reduces the travel distance – handy when moving furniture or carrying heavy groceries.)

Close to ground level

Living near ground level means that you're bound to hear street-level noises: traffic, public transit, kids playing, dogs barking. Ground-level units also have to worry about security and privacy. (An upside to a close-to-ground level unit is being able to take the stairs.)

Near the amenities

It's important to ask yourself if you're willing to put up with the potential noise when the Party Room, Gym, Laundry Room, Service Entrance, or other amenities are in use.

Facing onto the terrace

While you may have a spectacular view of the terrace, it may not be as pleasant when your neighbours are sunbathing, grilling, or having a pool party.

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