

**BOUNCING VAMPIERS?  
A CRAWL SPACE STORY.**

It was a typical Wednesday afternoon in late fall. Different colored leaves scattered the driveway as Toby drove up to his inspection appointment. The house was massive.

Toby grabs his inspection equipment and eagerly heads to the front door. This is his last appointment and he's excited to get home for his wife's famous meatloaf dinner. He knocks, no one answers. He rings the bell, no one answers. Odd. Toby heads down the stairs back to his car. Did he come on the wrong day? Did he come at the wrong time? Toby opens his appointment app. Nope, this is where he's supposed to be, he clicks on additional notes. "Homeowner states they will not be able to meet until dusk". Toby lets out a little chuckle. This should be interesting.

Dusk finally approaches and Toby heads to the door. Before he can even knock, the door swings open. A very pale middle-aged gentleman stands in the doorway. He is wearing all black and looks as though he may have just awoken from a nap. The homeowner introduces himself as Clyde and users Toby inside. Once Toby is inside, he asks what the problem seems to be. Clyde explains that his floor is bouncy/ spongy in some places.

Toby asks Clyde to show him where the crawl space access is located. They head down a dark hallway full of beautiful old paintings. They pass by a bathroom; the mirror is covered. That's strange, Toby thought. At the end of the hallway there is a bedroom, once inside he sees the crawlspace access is inside the closet. It's going to be a tight squeeze.

Toby hops down and starts to investigate the crawl space. He uses his flashlight to pan around the space. Looks as though most of the wood posts have started to rot away. He makes a few mental notes and grabs his camera to take some photos for the potential job. All set. Toby starts to make his way back to the access when he notices two red eyes watching him. He shines his flashlight in the direction of the eyes, but there is nothing there. Was he imagining things? Rather than spending any more time down in this crawl space, Toby scurries as quickly as he can to get to safety.

Toby's heart is beating out of his chest, he needs to get out of this house.

He finds Clyde in the kitchen drinking some red wine. Toby explains that the posts in the crawl space have rotted away and should be replaced. Throughout the years, there can be water damage and corrosion on the posts and pads. Water causes cement pads to break/crack, and creates a moist environment where mold and fungus live. This can cause rot and will eat away at untreated wooden posts. Replacing the existing posts with steel adjustable posts will allow the home's floor foundation to be secure. Since all the post replacement work takes place under the home, in the crawlspace. There is minimal disturbance during this process.

Clyde is sold!

However, Clyde had a few stipulations regarding the job. The job can only be done at dusk, and the crew cannot consume garlic on the day of installation. Toby said that wouldn't be a problem. He shook Clyde's hand and headed out the door. Geeze his hands were cold.

Toby gets in his car and heads down the driveway. What a weird inspection, he thought to himself. Suddenly, the pieces come together. *Was Clyde a vampire?*

Steel adjustable post installation gives you a long-term answer that's easy to maintain and simple to manage. You can adjust them to suit your current and future needs, and their strength makes sure you don't have anything to worry about in the future.

Signs and Symptoms that You Need Your Raised Foundation Posts Replaced

Like with most types of foundation issues, when posts are bad, the signs and symptoms are painfully obvious.

- Cracked drywall
- Sloped floors
- Bowed floors
- Bouncy/squeaky floors
- Doors and windows that are difficult to open and/or close
- Leaning chimney

If your home has any of these symptoms, you need to have a professional inspection done as soon as possible.

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