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You don't need a husband to buy your own place. Photo: GETTY IMAGES

All the single ladies: You don't need a husband to buy a home

When 25-year-old Briana Thomas, a captain in the military, was stationed in Boston last year she easily made the decision to purchase a home.

"My overall thinking was, 'Why pay rent to another person when I can pay rent to myself, and build equity at the same time,'" says Thomas, who owns a condo in Chelsea, Mass., and spoke to us via e-mail.

Thomas is one of a growing number of single females who is forgoing the belief that women should wait for marriage before purchasing a home.

THINKING OF TAKING THE LEAP?

Jennifer Musselman, author of "Own It! The Ups and Downs of Homebuying for Women Who Go It Alone" has these suggestions:

1. Have a team in place you can call to fix problems around the house before they happen.
2. Make sure you have money set aside for problems you never

