

Moving Into A New Home!

Whether you are moving into a new house for the first time or moving house for the tenth time, picking up your whole life and moving somewhere new is an exciting but stressful time. Read through our moving house checklist to help you easily move into your new home!

What Do I Do Before Moving House?

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| Research the local area to find out where you're moving to | ☐ |
| Book your friends and businesses needed to help with the move | ☐ |
| Get a second viewing to find out more about your new home | ☐ |



What To Do When Moving House?

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| Bring your moving day grab bags for clothes, food and cleaning | ☐ |
| Get home insurance | ☐ |
| Do your final checks to avoid leaving anything in your old home | ☐ |
| Do any cleaning and DIY needed | ☐ |
| Record the last meter reading of your old house | ☐ |
| Record the first meter reading of your new house | ☐ |



What Do I Need to Do Now I've Moved?

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| Change the locks on your new home | ☐ |
| Start unpacking | ☐ |
| Check your new home for potential security breaches | ☐ |
| Keep your valuables safe | ☐ |
| Install security: outdoor lights, burglar alarms, cameras etc | ☐ |
| Assess the safety of your home | ☐ |



Moving Day Grab Bag Essentials

Overnight Grab Bag:

- Spare clothes and pyjamas
- Toiletries: toothbrush/toothpaste/shower gel/hand soap
- Phone chargers
- Bedding and towels
- First aid kit / medication

Food Grab Bag:

- Paper plates/plastic cups/cutlery
- Breakfast/lunch items
- Dinner (or prepare for takeaway!)
- Snacks
- Drinks: tea/coffee/milk/sugar

DIY Grab Bag:

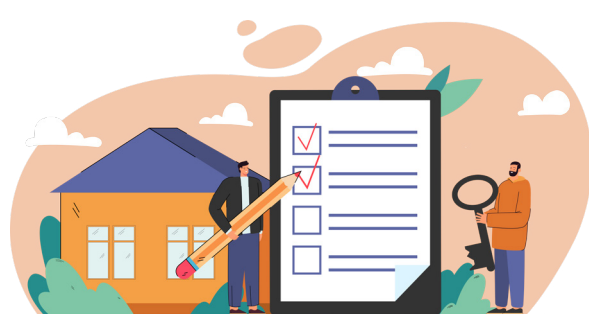
- Rubber gloves
- Anti-bacterial spray/wipes
- Bin liners
- Tools: screwdriver/hammer/pliers/scissors
- Lightbulbs
- Extension lead
- Pen and paper
- Paper towels/toilet roll



Rental Property Checklist

It's essential when renting to know what landlords are required to do by law to ensure your safety whilst living in their rental property.

Take pictures of each room	
Ask for and receive proof of the fire, gas and electrical safety checks of the property	
Check there's a working smoke alarm on every floor.	
Ask for and receive an 'Energy Performance Certificate'.	
Look for a carbon monoxide alarm in every room that contains a coal or wood-burning stove.	
Checking any furniture provided is 'Fire Safe'	



Changing Address Checklist

Here's a helpful list of people you'll need to let know that you have moved and remember to set up any direct debits for your monthly bills.

Your Local Council	
Water Supplier	
Electric and Gas Supplier	
TV Licensing Company	
HMRC	
DVLA	
Electoral Roll	
Your Insurance Providers	
Your Employer	
Your GP and Dentist	
Your Phone and Internet Providers	
Your Bank	
Any Subscription Boxes or Magazines	



Changing The Locks When Moving House

Read our [Lock Guide](#) to find out what the different kinds of locks are, what the best lock types are and what the best lock for your door will be.

Anti-Snap Locks

Lock snapping is a common way for a burglar to break in. Anti-snap locks have a sacrificial snap line on the externally side of the lock so that if pressure is applied to the anti snap lock, it protects the weak point of the lock.

British Standard Locks

British Standard locks have been tested and certified by the British Standard institution and will have the Kitemark. Most insurers require these kinds of locks as part of their policy.

High Security Locks

Getting high security locks gives your home more protection against burglars. Getting anti-snap locks or high security cylinders can be an easy way to offer extra protection to your home.