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# Moving Checklist for Buyers

Moving home can be stressful, but our comprehensive checklist will help you stay on track.

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## **Before Finding A Home:**

- Arrange your mortgage and obtain a mortgage in principle.
- Instruct a solicitor or conveyancer.

## **Before Exchange of Contracts:**

- Apply for your mortgage and obtain a mortgage offer.
- Book a property survey and review the results.
- Obtain home insurance quotes (you need to cover from the exchange date).
- Plan your move: decide whether to hire professional movers or do it yourself.
- Research and compare utility providers for your new home.
- Confirm your completion date.

## **Between Exchange and Completion:**

- Arrange buildings and contents insurance.
- Book removals company (or hire a van if moving yourself).
- Start packing non-essential items and label boxes.
- Set up mail redirection with Royal Mail.
- Inform relevant parties of your new address (bank, employer, DVLA, Dr, schools etc.).
- Arrange broadband, phone, and utilities.
- Check whether you need parking permits for moving day.

## **On Completion Day:**

- Take final meter readings at your old property.
  - Remove rubbish at your old property
  - Collect keys from the estate agent.
  - Take initial meter readings at your new home.
  - Unpack essentials first (kitchen, bathroom, and bedding items).
  - Locate the fuse box and stopcock in your new home.
  - Arrange for locks to be changed for security.
  - Familiarise yourself with waste collection days.
  - Update your address with the electoral roll, insurance providers, and subscriptions.
  - Register with a local GP and dentist.
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