

House Hunting Checklist



Take this page with you when you go on house viewings!

View houses with a critical eye and think about:

Location and Travel

- Are you close to University/ shops/ public transport?
- Is there space for secure bike storage?

Safety

- Does the house, neighbourhood look in a good state of repair?
- Are windows and doors secure?
- Smoke and Carbon monoxide detectors throughout the house?
- Is there a safe route to the main door should there be a fire (*from all rooms*)?
- Do sofas/ armchairs have fire safe labels?

Bedrooms

- Is there space to study and relax?
- Is there enough storage?
- Is the room heated and ventilated?
- Are windows double glazed?
- Does it come furnished or unfurnished?
- Any signs of damp/ mould?

Communal Areas

- Are all shared rooms heated/ ventilated/ double glazed?
- Are there enough bathrooms/ toilets for your group?
- Is the kitchen big enough?
- Is there enough kitchen storage? (*fridges, cupboards and countertops*)
- Are communal rooms supplied furnished or unfurnished?
- Any signs of damp or mould?
- Is the garden clear of waste?

Ask the Landlord/ Agent

- Are they registered with Rent Smart Wales?
- Does the property have a licence if required?
- Have they provided the annual Gas Safety Certificate?
- Have they provided the Energy Performance Certificate?
- Which mandatory deposit protection scheme is used?
- What will you be asked to pay now? (*Admin fees not permitted*)

Take your time and find a home you love. Your landlord should give you 24 hours to take the contract away for an expert to check through it for 'unfair terms. If something doesn't feel right or if you would like a second opinion, free advice is available from your University Accommodation office or Student Union.