Home Buyer Checklist by House Buy Fast

Use our property checklist to avoid any nasty or hidden issues. Use the list as a place to make comments to follow up on, or to tick off if you are happy with that aspect of the property. These issues don't have to put you off buying the house, but will give you a better idea of what work might be needed once you move in.



Central Heating	Checked	Comments
Has there been regular maintenance and servicing on the boiler?		
Look for a date on the servicing sticker or booklet – is this within the last twelve months?		

Electrics	Checked	Comments
Check the fuse box to get an indication of how old the electrical circuits are		
Check the condition of the sockets, old sockets may suggest the rest of the wiring is not up to date		

Roof and Loft	Checked	Comments
Are there any missing, cracked, misaligned slates or tiles?		
Do the gutters have any holes, do they appear solidly fixed, or are there signs of blockages?		
Is the chimney leaning or bulging, or are there any signs of damage?		
Can you get easy access to the loft space? No ready access could indicate that the loft is not checked regularly		
Are there any damp patches in the loft or around the house?		

Alarms	Checked	Comments
If there is a burglar alarm, is it remotely monitored, and does it have a maintenance contract?		
Are there smoke alarms installed and do they work?		

Pests	Checked	Comments
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Doors	Checked	Comments
Check the locks on all the doors to the property to ensure they are secure and have been correctly installed		
Do the door and/or window locks have keys, and if so how many sets?		

Radiators	Checked	Comments
Are there any signs of damp patches under the radiator valves or are they rusty?		
Are there any signs of rust on the radiators themselves?		

Damp	Checked	Comments
Look out for patches of damp or mould – whilst these could be a result of a temporary leak, they may indicate something more serious		
New patches of paint, plaster or strips of wallpaper may be hiding a problem		