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Moving Home Checklist

COVID-19 Requirements

The coronavirus pandemic has enabled a number of new considerations for buyers and sellers in the housing market. Whilst you should always consult gov.uk for the latest advice, this PLS moving checklist has been compiled as a handy reminder on what to consider when moving home during the COVID-19 outbreak.

No. 1 Rule Agree Mortgage in Principle

Valid for 3-6 months and will help reduce delays later.

Sellers prefer buyers who have their mortgage in place.

Some estate agents require a mortgage in principle before arranging socially distant viewings in light of COVID-19.

3 Months Before Your Move



Ask your conveyancer if they have any digital ways to speed things up!



Don't serve notice on your rental accommodation too early.



If currently furloughed, check that you are following the specific rule.

4 Weeks Before Your Move



Check whether your removal company is able to supply packing material.



Start liaising with your conveyancer to discuss the moving date.



Arrange buildings insurance cover to start from exchange of contracts.

2 Weeks Before Your Move



Liaise with utility companies to check dates have not been moved due to coronavirus hold ups.



Ensure your house is clean following COVID19 standards.



Only leave agreed fixtures and fittings behind!

1 Week Before Your Move



Label boxes with the name of the room for the new house.



Completion time is not guaranteed. Check with your removal company what time they will stay until!



Set up forwarding address / update bank and subscriptions.

Moving Day Covid Clean Your House



Pack your overnight suitcase ensuring you have all you will need on arrival.



Ensure all boxes have their room destination.



Check the house you are leaving is fully emptied and cleaned to COVID-19 standards.



Record all utility meter readings and take an image on your phone for later review.



Make arrangement for the handover of keys. Due to social distancing, discuss with your conveyancer or estate agent how this will occur.



Lock all windows, doors and make sure the house is secure.



Make sure you understand how keys for the new house will be handed to you.



Check in with your estate agent and conveyancer on the morning of completion to see how things are going on the legal side of things and double check in relation to the handover of keys.



Do not hand over your keys on your sale until your conveyancer has advised you to do so.

Please see www.gov.uk/coronavirus for the latest information.

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