

# Your Moving Home Checklist

Moving house is an exciting event – a different house and, potentially, a different village, town or city, really signals the start of a new chapter in your life. Moving house is not without its difficulties, so here's a helpful checklist to make the big day as stress free as possible!

## Protection Sorted?

Don't forget, ensuring you have the correct personal protection in place is an essential part of the mortgage process, not an extra to be forgotten about. Now is the ideal time to review your protection options as all policies should be in place prior to exchange. Our advisors are always on hand to answer any queries you may have regarding life assurance, income protection or buildings insurance, so please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss these at any stage

## One month before...

- Get removal quotes and book your chosen firm - Did you know our PaymentShield protection policy can provide cover throughout the removal process?
- Research your new area to familiarise yourself with local news and facilities
- Order packing materials – your removal company may be able to help
- Make a full inventory of your possessions to help keep track of them during the move
- Have a clear out! Moving house can be a great time to clear out unwanted possessions
- Book the time off work
- Order any furnishing you need for your new home
- Start to clear out the loft, shed and any other storage spaces

## Two weeks before...

- Inform utility companies about your move
- Complete the Post Office mail redirection form
- Start packing non-essential items, such as decorations
- Book people to carry out any other services you need, cleaners for instance
- Organise someone to look after any pets and childcare on the day

## One week before...

- Put any essential items (passports & insurance documents) in a safe place to help keep track of everything
- Tell your local council and ask for a statement on your council tax
- Send emails / cards to inform friends and family about your change of address
- Try to do as much of your packing as you can. Leaving it until the last minute could make your move more hectic
- Find out when you need to collect keys from your estate agent

## The night before...

- Make sure you are fully packed and have carried out a final check of your property
- Prepare a box of moving day essentials (kettle, tea bags, coffee, milk, etc)
- Pack a night bag for your first night in your new home, so you don't have to rummage through boxes looking for your toothbrush!
- Pack a kit of some key tools (include a sharp knife to open boxes)

## The big day...

- Record utility readings for water, electricity & gas
- Lay down sheets to protect the floors
- Label your boxes with what they contain and where they should go in your new home
- Make sure the movers know where they are going!
- Check for any items damaged during the move before the movers leave – remember, our PaymentShield policy can provide cover throughout the move
- Ensure the previous owners haven't left anything
- Check all keys work in the required locks
- Connect your appliances
- Take meter readings for the new property and contact utility companies

Most importantly, don't rush! Rome wasn't built in a day and your new house won't be fully sorted for some time. Leaving the unpacking for tomorrow and unwinding during your first evening can be a worthwhile choice

Be sure to introduce yourself to your neighbours once you have settled into your new home!

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