



Before you move home

Questions to ask when viewing places to live

1. How much is the rent?
2. How do I pay the rent?
3. Is gas, electric and water included in the rent?
4. How will I pay these bills (gas, electric, water) if they are not included in the rent?
5. Is there a telephone landline? Who is the phone company that provides the line?
6. Will I need to decorate? If so, how will I afford this?
7. Do I need to buy a cooker, fridge and freezer?
8. Is there space for a washing machine?
9. Is there a local laundrette?
10. Do I need to buy carpets or rugs?
11. What are the window sizes for buying curtains?
12. Will I have a garden and parking space?
13. Where do I put my rubbish and recycling? What day is it collected?
14. What furniture will I need to buy?
15. Who will help me move in?



Moving in day – tips

1. Make sure you have the following things:
 - Cleaning materials for kitchen, bathroom, windows
 - Vacuum cleaner
 - Cleaning cloths
 - Toilet rolls
 - Kettle, mugs, tea and coffee, milk
 - Tape measure
 - Torch
 - Kitchen utensils
 - Pots and pans
 - Bedding
 - Towels
 - Toaster
 - Iron and ironing board
 - First Aid box
2. Get a folder to put all your paperwork in.
3. Write down the gas and electric meter readings when you arrive.
4. Tell the gas, electric and water companies that you have moved in and give them the meter readings. Contact the phone company if there is a landline.
5. Clean the bath, basin and toilet.
6. Clean the kitchen.
7. Clean the windows and floors.
8. Put up curtains.
9. Assemble any furniture and make your bed.
10. Arrange for a registered professional to install any gas appliances.
11. Give a spare key to someone you can trust.



Home safety tips

1. Buy a smoke alarm and fire extinguisher. Make sure you know how to use them.
2. Never leave keys in the door.
3. Check the ID of callers before you let them in.
4. Use all safety locks provided (doors and windows)