



# Home-Finders checklist

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## Your guide to finding private accommodation

What happens if halls of residence accommodation is not available, is not suitable for your needs or you just



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to local public transport and local amenities?

- ^ Would you feel sufficiently safe walking around the area during the day or in the evening?
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## External features

- ^ Does the exterior of the property appear well maintained? This would include no broken guttering, no damage to the roof e.g. missing roof tiles, no cracked window panes and solid front and back doors
- ^ Are all boundary walls in good condition e.g. no missing sections or crumbling bricks?
- ^ Are there sufficient bins for the property, including recycling?
- ^ Is the garden well maintained and clear of any rubbish?
- ^ Is the landlord/agent clear about who is responsible for the maintenance of the garden?

## Internal features

- ^ Is there sufficient communal living space?
- ^ Does the bedroom and storage size meet your expectations and needs?
- ^ Does the interior of the property appear well maintained? This includes no signs of damp, décor and furniture in good condition, no outstanding issues of disrepair and all the appliances and lights work (try them)
- ^ Are there enough facilities (e.g. kitchen appliances and cupboard space, bathrooms) for the number of tenants?

- ^ Is there sufficient heating (radiators etc.)

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