

The Falmouth & Exeter Students' Union Advice Service

Housing Checklist

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If you're going to view a property that you think you might rent, take this simple checklist with you and complete it while you're there. That way you'll have a simple reminder of what you've seen and what it was like to help you decide whether you want to rent it.

Outside the Property

- Is there good street lighting?
- Are there good transport links?
- What is the local area like? Quiet or noisy?
- Is the outside of the property in good repair?
- Are the doors and windows secure?
- Are the drains and gutters clear?

Utilities

- Ask the current tenants how much the bills are and if the property is easy to heat.
- Are bills included in the rent? If so, is there a cap on utility charges and are you likely to exceed it during the year?
- Does the property have gas and electricity or just electricity?
- Do the electric or gas fires work
- Is the boiler in good working order?
- Are there enough plug sockets in each room?
- Is there internet access and is this included in the rent or paid separately?

Plumbing

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Security

- Is there a working burglar alarm?
- Is the house easy to secure?
- Are the external doors solid?
- Is there double glazing?
- Do the external doors have five-lever mortice locks?
- Do the downstairs windows have locks?

Furniture

- Does any of the furniture belong to existing tenants?
- Do all soft furnishings supplied, e.g. Sofas, and beds, have a fire safety label intact?
- Is all the furniture in good condition?
- Do the bedrooms have a bed, desk and appropriate storage space?
- Does the property have blinds or curtains throughout?
- Are the carpets in good condition?

Kitchen

- Is the kitchen appropriate for the number of tenants?
- Is there enough fridge/freezer space for the number of tenants?
- Is the kitchen clean and hygienic?
- Do the appliances work properly?

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