

Moving Home

When you leave home, there are some things you must remember to take with you. Depending on the kind of accommodation you are moving into, you may need a lot of new things as well.

Important personal documents

Even if you're leaving home in a hurry, you should try and take with you important personal documents such as your:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> passport | <input type="checkbox"/> national insurance number |
| <input type="checkbox"/> birth certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> cheque book, bank and credit cards |
| <input type="checkbox"/> driving licence | <input type="checkbox"/> benefit book |
| <input type="checkbox"/> medical card | <input type="checkbox"/> address book |

Furniture

Often, the accommodation you move into will already be furnished. However, if it's not, you'll need some basic items of furniture, such as:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> a bed | <input type="checkbox"/> a lamp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a sofa | <input type="checkbox"/> a mirror |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a table | <input type="checkbox"/> a vacuum cleaner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> a cooker or microwave |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a wardrobe or clothes rail | <input type="checkbox"/> a fridge |

Other household items

Even if you're moving into a furnished flat, you'll probably need to supply your own kitchen equipment and other household essentials:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> pots and pans | <input type="checkbox"/> other kitchen utensils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> cutlery | <input type="checkbox"/> bedding (pillow, duvet, & covers) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> mugs and plates | <input type="checkbox"/> towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a kettle | <input type="checkbox"/> radio, CD player |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a toaster | |

Safety warning

If you're moving into rented accommodation your landlord must provide valid Gas Safety Certificates for any gas boiler or other gas appliances. If you're buying your own gas appliances, get a registered engineer to carry out a full safety check on these and consider installing a carbon monoxide monitor.