

Essential items



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:

- passport
 - birth certificate
 - driving licence
 - medical card
 - national insurance number
 - cheque book, bank and credit cards
 - benefit book
 - address book.
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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:

- a bed
- a sofa
- a table
- chairs
- a wardrobe or clothes rail
- a lamp
- a mirror
- a vacuum cleaner
- a cooker or microwave
- a fridge.

Other household essentials

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

- pots and pans
- cutlery
- mugs and plates
- a kettle
- a toaster
- other kitchen utensils
- bedding (pillow, duvet, pillowcases and duvet cover)
- towels
- radio, CD player, TV, etc.

Safety warning: be careful when buying electrical goods second-hand – always check they work and are safe before you hand over any money. If you buy a gas cooker, make sure you get a registered Gas Safe Register engineer to fit it for you. You can find Gas Safe Register engineers listed in the Yellow Pages or at www.gassaferegister.co.uk