RENTING A HOUSE - Checklist

Category	Task	~
Budget	Calculate your monthly income	[]
	Deduct essential expenses (e.g., food, transport, savings)	[]
	Determine how much you can comfortably afford for rent	[]
Research the Area	Research crime rates in the area	[]
	Identify local amenities (shops, parks, schools)	[]
	Consider proximity to work and transport links	[]
	Visit the area at different times to gauge the atmosphere	[]
	Look for planned developments that might affect the neighborhood	[]
Rental Needs	Determine the number of bedrooms and bathrooms needed	[]
	Decide if you need a garden, garage, or additional storage	[]
	Check if the property is pet-friendly (if applicable)	[]
	Choose between furnished, part-furnished, or unfurnished properties	[]
	Consider the length of the tenancy you're looking for	[]
Property Search	Browse online rental portals regularly	[]
	Register with local estate agents	[]
	Ask friends, family, and colleagues for leads	[]
	Explore the neighborhood for "To Let" signs	[]
Property Viewing	Inspect the property for signs of damage or disrepair	[]
	Test water pressure and inquire about heating efficiency	[]
	Evaluate the natural light in each room	[]
	Assess the available storage space	[]
	Consider the neighborhood's noise levels and atmosphere	[]
Tenancy Agreement	Review the rent amount and payment schedule	[]
	Confirm the security deposit details	[]
	Understand your maintenance responsibilities	[]
	Check for a break clause in the tenancy agreement	[]
	Note the required notice period for ending the tenancy	[]
Inventory	Complete a detailed inventory with the landlord or agent	[]

Take photographs of the property's condition	[]
Test and document the condition of all appliances	[]
Report any issues or discrepancies in writing	[]
Transfer or set up your electricity and gas accounts	[]
Notify the water supplier of your move-in date	[]
Register for council tax with the local council	[]
Arrange broadband and phone services	[]
Update or obtain a TV licence	[]
Compare renters insurance policies	[]
Choose a policy that covers your belongings and liability	[]
Consider additional coverage for valuable items	[]
Hire a moving company or rent a van	[]
Start packing and label boxes by room	[]
Update your address with important contacts	[]
Set up mail redirection with Royal Mail	[]
Conduct a final inspection of the property on moving day	[]
Report maintenance issues promptly	[]
Pay rent on time each month	[]
Request permission before making any changes to the property	[]
Provide written notice to your landlord	[]
Deep clean the property before moving out	[]
Repair any damage you caused during the tenancy	[]
Conduct a final inventory check with the landlord	[]
Return all keys to the landlord	[]
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