

If you're buying a brand new home, here's our handy list of 10 snags to check before you exchange contracts.

SNAGGING: TOP 10 TIPS

You need to check inside and outside, and you're checking for functional snags (things not working) and aesthetic snags (things not looking finished or poorly finished)

Inside

CHECK THE LOFT INSULATION

Is it the right depth and do you have the correct coverage?

LOOK AT THE PLUMBING

Run the taps to ensure you have water and flush the toilets.

CHECK THE CARPENTRY

Look for chips in woodwork, and check doors, windows, cupboards, kitchen units and drawers shut properly.

LOOK AT THE FINISHES

Check the finish to the walls, looking for uneven or incomplete paintwork.

HAVE YOU GOT POWER?

Check there is power to all electrical sockets, that light switches work and the distribution board is labelled up.

Outside

FIND THE DAMP PROOF COURSE

Check the distance between your ground level and your damp-proof course, it should be 150mm.

CHECK THE BRICKWORK

Ensure the brickwork is clean, evenly-laid and joints are filled solidly.

IN THE GARDEN...

Check the ground is level and any paving slabs are flat and firm.

CHECK THE GUTTERS

Are the gutters and drains secure and fitted correctly?

CHECK THE FENCING

Check that fences have been put in and secured properly.

If you're confident in what you're doing, you should also check the pipe lagging, internal and external mastic, cavity trays and weep holes.

If this all sounds like another language to you, don't panic! We can help you. Hiring a professional, like PW Construction, to undertake a snagging inspection for you will guarantee you get a thorough snagging list before you complete your purchase, helping you avoid any nasty surprises.

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