

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

You should try and take with you important personal documents such as your:

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

Furniture

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

- bed
- sofa
- table
- chairs
- wardrobe or clothes rail
- lamp
- mirror
- vacuum cleaner
- cooker or microwave
- 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
- kettle
- 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 engineer to fit it for you. You can find Gas Safe Registered engineers on <http://www.gassaferegister.co.uk/>

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