

Top 10 things to consider when renting a home

You should make sure:

- Your landlord/letting agent is accredited with the Cheshire Landlord Accreditation Scheme or are a member of a national accreditation scheme such as: ARLA or NALS
- That the property is in good condition
- You will be provided with a full inventory of the property
- You can afford the monthly rent and that you have claimed any necessary welfare benefits
- Your landlord will protect your deposit and are part of a national deposit protection scheme
- You are provided with a tenancy agreement that clearly states the weekly rent and what is included in the rent
- You have been provided with a gas safety certificate and energy performance certificate at the tenancy sign up
- You have been provided with a copy of the "How To Rent book" which sets out your rights and responsibilities
- You have been provided with your landlords contact details
- You know what to do when there is an emergency
- You should let your landlord know if your circumstances change.

