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Searching Property to Rent in Edinburgh; Property Viewing and Moving into a Property by Carol Riley

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Before you start the property search

If you are searching for property to rent in Edinburgh then first and foremost you must sit with other people and agree on what you are looking for and list your priorities like; distance from schools, work, parking, good transport links etc. Importantly, you must be aware of the fact that the new landlord of the Edinburgh property will ask for your references which possibly will include those of previous and current landlord and/ or your employer. Hence it is important that you have details of these contacts to provide the landlord once you find an Edinburgh property that you wish to rent.

As a potential tenant you must also have your finances in order so that you are aware of how much you can afford to buy and in which area.

Searching property to rent in Edinburgh

There are a number of sources available where you can look for property to rent in Edinburgh. Start off by searching in newspapers, boards, internet, and estate agents shop windows etc.

The internet option has made searching for a property easier with search engines. All you need to do is enter minimum specification that you want the property to meet such as price, number of bedrooms, area, and only the properties that will match your specifications will return to you. This is much faster and saves the time of going through the entire newspaper. Hence you can start by a few dominant websites, Greenlet being amongst them, as a number of agents have their properties listed here.

Property viewing

Make sure that you view the property in daylight because you can spot problems and also can see how much natural light enters the property. When you go to view the property you must always have with you a family/ partner or friend- this is for a second opinion and also for your safety, Pen and paper- take notes of the property such as work to be done or any answer to questions that you have asked the vendor, A digital camera- to review the property.

There are a number of websites which provide you with the area research like; crime statistics council tax etc. Make sure that you seek help from these once you find a property.

Moving into new property

Before you move into your new property make sure that you get all your payments in order, like telephone, gas, electricity (change this into your name), contents insurance, TV license, water rates etc.

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