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The Importance of Checking Mobile Phone Coverage Before Buying by [Cheri Bowden](#)

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As the mobile phone market is stuffed full of amazing handsets that boast a mind boggling array of features, it is easy to get fixated on the model you take a shine to and the impressive functions it boasts. This can often mean you end up signing up to a deal that costs you more than you budgeted for each month. You may even find that when you get your new smartphone home, the signal strength is not strong enough to enable you do use all the functions you wanted to. What you should check before deciding on what phone you want is how strong the mobile phone coverage in your area is on each network.

It is best to check the signal strength in all the places you spend a lot of time in, such as your workplace as well as your home and the simplest way to do this is by visiting a price comparison service online. All of the UK's mobile providers have coverage maps that potential customers can browse. All you need to do is enter your postcode to find out how strong the mobile signal is. Some network operators display an estimate of the signal strength inside buildings as well as outside. Not every network's maps are so comprehensive so make sure you check what each map actually represents.

When you know which network will provide the strongest coverage in all of the places you spend your time in, you can then turn your attention to the contracts and handsets that are available. Knowing what you want from your phone is vital when looking at phone packages. If you have no interest in using mobile internet capabilities or camera functions and you only want to make and receive calls and text messages then you may want to focus on 'SIM-only' contracts; you can pick up a basic handset for less than Â£20 these days.

If you would like a top of the range smartphone, you can expect to pay a little more each month, as mobile providers recoup the cost of new phones through higher-costing contracts that often run for 24 months. The latest smartphones boast high resolution cameras, massive internal storage space for mp3s, videos and more and access to a huge variety of mobile apps. To find out which smartphones are the most reliable, visit a price comparison service and read through as many customer reviews as you can. The more you read, the more accurate an overview of each phone you will get.

By taking the time to ensure the mobile coverage in your area is strong enough, the phone you like is reliable and user-friendly and that you know what deals are available, choosing the right provider, phone and contract should be a simple and painless experience. Good luck!

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