

Your Guide to Buying

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Instruct right choice	 Send you our estimate, terms of business and purchase instruction forms Confirm instructions to the sellers' conveyancer and request contract pack. 	 Promptly complete and return all instruction forms, paying the amount requested on account and meet any reasonable Identification requirements.
Receive Contracts	 Check terms of contract, content of deeds & sellers property information form. Send you copies of relevant information including sellers fixtures & fittings list. 	 You should by now have made your mortgage application (if any) and arranged a survey to take place (check with any mortgage lender first). Let us know if you are paying the seller additional monies for fixtures and fittings unless already included within the agreed purchase price.
Submit Searches	 Apply for all necessary searches of relevant authorities and report to you on the results of the same. 	 Check that your survey has taken place, that the result is satisfactory and that any mortgage application is proceeding well please advise us of any problems or anticipated delays.
Send Additional Enquiries	 Raise any specific additional enquires as a result of the earlier stages or requests for information from you or your mortgage lender and report to you on the replies. 	• Inform us at an early stage if there is anything unusual or specific you wish us to enquire about.
Receive Mortgage Offer (if applicable)	 Check the main terms of your mortgage offer and report to you on anything unusual and confirm the sum of money being advanced so you know the exact total amount of deposit you have to pay. Check that all mortgage conditions have been or can be satisfied. 	 Contact us to let us know you have received your mortgage offer – in case our copy has not been received and to avoid further delays. Make sure your life cover and building insurance for your purchase address is readily available to commence at exchange of contracts.
Sign Contracts	 Ask you to sign the contract in readiness for exchange of contracts (when the matter becomes legally binding). We will use this opportunity to ask you to sign all completion documents also. 	 Either return all documents signed (and witnessed where required) promptly, or if you are local to us, offer to call in to sign the same. Make sure your deposit is readily available to be sent to us by bank telegraphic transfer, unless being funded from any related sale.
Ready to Exchange	 Inform the sellers' conveyancer that you are ready to proceed to exchange of contracts, suggesting your preferred date for completion. 	 Tell your seller and/or the estate agents that you are ready to exchange contracts and are keen to move!
Send Additional Enquiries Receive Mortgage Offer (if applicable) Sign Contracts	 Apply for all necessary searches of relevant authorities and report to you on the results of the same. Raise any specific additional enquires as a result of the earlier stages or requests for information from you or your mortgage lender and report to you on the replies. Check the main terms of your mortgage offer and report to you on anything unusual and confirm the sum of money being advanced so you know the exact total amount of deposit you have to pay. Check that all mortgage conditions have been or can be satisfied. Ask you to sign the contract in readiness for exchange of contracts (when the matter becomes legally binding). We will use this opportunity to ask you to sign all completion documents also. Inform the sellers' conveyancer that you are ready to proceed to exchange of contracts, suggesting your preferred date 	 with any mortgage lender first). Let us know if you are paying the seller additional monies for fixtures and fitting unless already included within the agreed purchase price. Check that your survey has taken place, that the result is satisfactory and that an mortgage application is proceeding wel – please advise us of any problems or anticipated delays. Inform us at an early stage if there is anything unusual or specific you wish us to enquire about. Contact us to let us know you have received your mortgage offer – in case our copy has not been received and to avoid further delays. Make sure your life cover and building insurance for your purchase address is readily available to commence at exchange of contracts. Either return all documents signed (and witnessed where required) promptly, or you are local to us, offer to call in to sign the same. Make sure your deposit is readily available to be sent to us by bank telegraphic transfer, unless being funded from any related sale. Tell your seller and/or the estate agents that you are ready to exchange contracts.

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right choice will... You need to... **The Steps Exchange Contracts** Deal with exchange of contracts by Commence your life cover and buildings telephone making the contract and the insurance cover immediately. agreed completion date legally binding Book your removals for the agreed completion date and inform all interested on you and your seller. parties/authorities of the date of your Request any mortgage funds to arrive with us the working day before change of address. Ensure you know completion is due. your new postcode. • Prepare our completion statement Start packing! Make sure any funds due from you to requesting all monies due from you in complete are cleared in our account at cleared funds the working day before least the working day before completion completion is due. is due. Conduct final completion searches. Make arrangements with the estate Ask you to sign any final documentation agent/your seller for the collection of not dealt with prior to exchange of keys on the day of completion. contracts. **Complete Purchase** • Send the monies due to the sellers Move in! conveyancer. Take meter readings and notify utility • Inform you that completion has occurred. authorities of commencement of your • Pay any Stamp Duty due to HM Revenue liability. & Customs and register your purchase at the Land Registry. Send you copy title deeds and any supporting documents for your retention

And finally ... tell your friends how well your move went and why they should also make the "right choice"!

(often a month or so after completion)