

FACT SHEET

Moving Home During Lockdown

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The good news is that you can still put your property on the market and move home. The UK Government has published the following guidance:

- » Estate agents, letting agents and developer's sites can remain open to the public;
- » Conveyancers and solicitors can continue to manage the house moving process but should avoid face to face meetings where possible;
- » Property viewings can take place by appointment only although video viewings are preferable;
- » Coronavirus preventative measures such as wearing masks and avoiding touching any surfaces remain essential. Hands should be washed regularly;
- » All internal doors should be kept open if possible during viewings and all surfaces and door handles wiped down afterwards;
- » If possible, vacate your property whilst viewings are taking place. If not, ensure that social distancing is maintained throughout;
- » You should not provide refreshments to anyone visiting your home;
- » You must ensure that hand washing facilities are made available;
- » If possible, inventory checks and maintenance visits should be carried out between occupation;
- » Hotels, hostels and secondary accommodation can be used by people moving home who are unable to move into their new property or return home;
- » You should try to deal with as much of the packing and moving of your belongings yourself if you can. People outside of your household must not

help if at all possible. Professional movers can assist if necessary but should be contacted well in advance of the moving date and you should bear in mind that the virus may affect your removal firm's ability to provide this service on your moving day;

- » You should not move home whilst in a period of self-isolation or whilst experiencing virus symptoms;
- » Those who are identified as clinically extremely vulnerable can still move house but additional measures should be taken. Guidance can be found on the [GOV.UK website](#);
- » Visits to a property for essential maintenance, measuring up etc. should be kept to a minimum, one person only and not where anyone involved is self-isolating or has virus symptoms;
- » Surveys can be carried out provided that the preventative measures referred to above are taken.

There is a high risk that the coronavirus could prevent your move from completing. Your solicitor will advise you of the risks involved and what steps can be taken to mitigate them.

The Residential Property Team here at Nockolds remain on hand to help guide you through the process of moving home in these very difficult times. We can also advise you on ways to mitigate the risks involved in entering into property contracts during this time.

For more information and to find out how we can help you, please contact us on 0345 646 0406 or fill in our [online enquiry form](#) and a member of our Team will be in touch.

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