

10 Questions to Ask Before Hiring a Tradesman

Protect yourself and your home — never skip these essential questions

Hiring the right tradesman can make or break your project. Use this checklist to vet potential tradesmen before committing. Print it off and tick each item as you go.

[FREE CHECKLIST](#)

Qualifications & Experience

- ☐ Are you qualified and/or certified for this type of work? (Ask for proof)
- ☐ How many years of experience do you have with this specific job?
- ☐ Can you provide references or examples of similar work you've completed?

Insurance & Guarantees

- ☐ Do you have public liability insurance? (Ask to see the certificate)
- ☐ Do you offer a written guarantee or warranty on your work?
- ☐ Are you a member of any trade body or accreditation scheme? (e.g. Gas Safe, NICEIC, TrustMark)

Costs & Timeline

- ☐ Can you provide a detailed written quotation (not just an estimate)?
- ☐ When can you start, and how long will the job take?
- ☐ What are your payment terms? (Never pay the full amount upfront)

The Final Check

- ☐ Will you put everything in writing before work begins — including scope, cost, timeline, and payment schedule?

Top Tip:

Always get at least three quotes and compare them carefully. The cheapest quote isn't always the best value — look at the detail and professionalism of each response.

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