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Buying your first property can be a daunting process, but it is also be an exciting one! There are a lot of factors to take into consideration, it will involve a lot of paper work and stress, but there are a number of steps you can take to make buying your first property a lot easier.

Before doing anything else, you need to look at potential properties and work out what property and mortgage you can afford. For your first place, your dream home might be a bit out of a reach so it is important to be realistic.

But as well as the mortgage, there are other costs you need to take into consideration. For example, property insurance, council tax, maintenance bills, solicitor's fees... the list goes on! This may seem intimidating at first but if you are aware of these extra costs you can budget for them and take them into account from the beginning. This means that you will be able to work out your realistic price range.

Take advantage of advice from people in the know and find out all you can about mortgages and the legal paperwork that's needed. At Purplebricks we have a team of dedicated experts who are there just for this reason. They want to share their advice and knowledge so pick up the phone and

ask them anything you need to know. We know that all the processes associated with buying your first home can be incredibly daunting, so ask us for advice.

When you find a property that you like the look of, don't judge it on the pictures on the internet or the floor plan alone. You need to make sure you are fully informed and visit the property. This allows you to get a real feel for the place, as well as checking for potential problems like damp and mould. However, this can also work the other way around. A property that you may not have liked from the pictures may turn out to be the right home for you. You'll know how a place feels within a few minutes so try to see as many as possible to understand what you actually want.

It's important that you don't hold out for your dream home. We all have visions of what our perfect property should be like but keep an open mind and you will be surprised.



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Consider a flat that needs modernising or somewhere slightly further away from work. It's unlikely you will stay in your first flat or house forever; the toughest part is getting your foot onto the property ladder. Remember, any property is an investment.

Although there is a lot to take into consideration, the best way to approach buying your first property is to gain as much knowledge about the area and the property as possible. Also, trust your gut instinct! You may see 50 different 'perfect' properties, but if you can't see yourself living in any of them, you are not going to be happy.



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