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How to carry out SAFE viewings during the pandemic when selling your home.

If you are currently selling your home below is some guidance about protecting yourself / your family and those viewing your home. Below is a summary of the info.

First ensure your agent is conducting online before physical viewings. This will help gauge buyers interest to ensure physical viewings only go ahead with serious buyers.

Before the viewing

Ahead of viewings each buyer as well as the agent will be asked to complete a questionnaire. Don't be afraid to check this has happened. The questionnaire will include questions such as:

- Has anyone in your household had COVID-19?
- Has anyone in your household displayed COVID-19 symptoms or not yet completed a required period of household self-isolation?
- Is anyone in your household in the high-risk category?

Preparing for the viewing

Before the viewing starts give your home a good clean. As much as you don't want viewers touching door handles etc, they will feel the same. If your agent is doing the viewing they should be opening all doors, cupboards etc for those on the viewing. If you're doing the viewing, take the same approach as it will help you keep track of what you'll need to clean afterwards.

To help minimise the number of people in your home it maybe ideal to leave while the viewing takes place. Discuss a viewing plan with your agent beforehand to have a plan that works for everyone.

When preparing for a viewing, this checklist will help it go smoothly:

- Clean items and/or areas that are likely to be touched (I.e door handles, doorbells) with an antibacterial cleaner both before and after the viewing has taken place.
- Open windows to boost ventilation
- Open internal doors, loft hatches, and anything else you think may be of interest, to minimise any unnecessary contact
- If possible, provide hand sanitiser by your front door so that the agent and viewers can clean their hands when they enter and leave your home.
- Have a plan of where you can go while the viewing is taking place.

After the viewing

Once the agent has left wipe down any door handles, cupboard doors etc that we're touched on the viewing with an antibacterial wipe or spray and wash your hands.

Stay Safe

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