

Home inventory

Four things worth knowing first

A wide shot of a living room proves a living room existed. A photograph of the television, close enough to read the badge, proves the television did.

Back or underside for televisions and monitors; underneath for laptops; inside the door for refrigerators and washing machines; on the motor housing for power tools; stamped under the bottom bracket for bicycles.

The figure you can support is the one you have a receipt or a bank line for. Guesses are still worth writing down — mark them as guesses.

One room an evening is a week for a house. Trying to do all of it at once is how these lists end up half finished in a drawer.

- Television and whatever it is mounted on
- Sound system, speakers, games console
- Sofa, armchairs, coffee table
- Rugs, curtains and blinds
- Pictures, prints and anything framed
- Lamps and light fittings you paid for

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Kitchen

- Refrigerator, cooker, oven, extractor
 - Microwave, kettle, toaster, coffee machine, mixer
 - Dinner service, glassware, cutlery
- Dishwasher, washing machine, dryer
 - Pans, knives and anything bought as a set

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Dining room

- Table and chairs
 - China, crystal, silver
- Sideboard, dresser, cabinets
 - Light fitting over the table

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Bedrooms

- Bed, mattress, wardrobe, chest of drawers
 - Clothing by category, and coats separately
 - Televisions and anything else plugged in
- Jewellery and watches — item by item, not "jewellery"
 - Shoes, handbags, luggage

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Home office or study

- Computers, monitors, printer, network kit
- Cameras, lenses, microphones, instruments
- Desk, chair, shelving, filing
- Books, if there are enough of them to matter

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Bathroom and utility

- Cabinets, mirrors, heated rails
- Scales, air purifiers, dehumidifiers
- Electric toothbrushes, shavers, hair tools
- Towels and linen as a set

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Outdoors

- › Garden furniture and parasols
 - › Planters, statuary, water features
- Barbecue, fire pit, heaters
 - Play equipment and trampolines

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Anywhere in the house

- › Musical instruments
 - › Collections — stamps, coins, records, models
 - › Tools and kit borrowed from nobody in particular
- Artwork and anything inherited
 - Rugs that move between rooms

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When the sheet is full

A filled-in checklist is already worth more than nothing, and it is enough on its own — keep it somewhere that is not the house it describes.

What it cannot do is carry the photographs and the receipts, and those are the parts that turn a list into evidence. That is the job Roomkeep does: the same walk through the house, with a camera, ending in a printable report that keeps the pictures and the paperwork attached to the things they belong to.