

10 Things to Check Before Hiring a Furniture Assembler

A printable checklist that helps homeowners compare quotes, verify experience, check insurance, understand pricing, and avoid common hiring mistakes.

HIRING & QUOTE COMPARISON CHECKLIST

☐ 1. Pricing Model Structure (Fixed Flat-Rate vs. Hourly)

Confirm whether the provider quotes a guaranteed fixed rate or open-ended hourly fees [cite: 20]. Hourly rates can rapidly spiral if unlevel floors or wall irregularities cause unexpected delays [cite: 18, 20].

☐ 2. Valid Public Liability Insurance Cover

Verify that the assembler maintains active insurance [cite: 20]. This protects your home's plasterboard stud walls, skirtings, and floors from costly accidental damage during heavy panel handling [cite: 20].

☐ 3. Comprehensive Workmanship Guarantees

Always ask if the contractor provides at least a 12-month policy covering structural issues like sagging drawer tracks, dropping door frameworks, or loosening joint mechanisms [cite: 20].

☐ 4. Safety Anti-Tip Anchoring Surcharges

Any furniture unit taller than 75cm strictly requires structural wall anchoring [cite: 10, 14, 20]. Check whether the necessary heavy-duty drywall toggle bolts or masonry anchors are fully bundled into the base rate [cite: 8, 20].

☐ 5. Specific Brand and Product Portfolio Experience

Ensure the fitter is well-versed in your specific furniture line. Complex systems (such as IKEA PAX sliding door tracking or bespoke sliding wardrobes) require product-specific hardware expertise.

☐ 6. Integrated London Transit Surcharges (Congestion & ULEZ)

Ask explicitly if local travel expenses like Congestion Charges, ULEZ fees, or borough-specific parking permits are wrapped cleanly into the estimate or added onto your final bill [cite: 18, 20].

☐ 7. Precision Architectural Shimming & Floor Leveling

London's uneven floors rarely feature flat planes [cite: 1, 18]. Check if the fitter carries long spirit levels, specialized base shims, and leveler feet adjustments to correctly square up warped frames [cite: 18, 20].

☐ 8. On-Site Cable & Pipe Safety Scanning

Verify if the technician utilizes electronic multi-detectors [cite: 10, 14]. Wall brackets must never be drilled blindly into areas containing active water plumbing routes or hidden electrical wiring grids [cite: 2, 8, 10, 14].

☐ 9. Working Space & Floor Protection Protocols

Hired installers should have clear floor protection measures [cite: 7]. Cardboard shipping boxes should be laid flat across the assembly footprint to fully shield floor finishes from scratches [cite: 7].

☐ 10. Verified Local Client Reviews & Real Case Portfolios

Look for transparent third-party reviews and case photos. High ratings detailing clean alignments and professional structural fitting show a contractor can handle complex home setups.

 The Italian Tasker's Fixed Pricing & Safety Promise:

We operate with absolute billing transparency [cite: 20]. Our flat-rate quotes comprehensively pack complete structural flat-pack configuration, floor shimming adjustments, electronic scanning, and heavy-duty anti-tip anchoring standard—ensuring you stay fully protected against hidden pricing surprises [cite: 20].

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