



Free Roof Checklist

Spot problems early, from the ground

Most roof problems start small. Use this checklist on a dry day, in good light, and tick off what you find. You do not need to climb a ladder or go on the roof.

Safety first: never climb onto a roof yourself. Use binoculars from the ground, and only look in the loft if it is safe and you can do so without stepping between the joists.

1. FROM THE GROUND

- ☐ Slipped, cracked or missing tiles or slates
- ☐ Ridge tiles that look loose, uneven or have gaps in the mortar
- ☐ Damage or gaps along the verges at the gable ends
- ☐ Lead flashings lifting, split or hanging away from chimneys or walls
- ☐ Moss, weeds or debris building up on the roof
- ☐ A sagging or uneven roof line
- ☐ Damaged or leaning chimney stack, pots or cowl

2. GUTTERS AND ROOFLINE

- ☐ Gutters overflowing, sagging or leaking at the joints
- ☐ Moss, leaves or debris blocking the gutters
- ☐ Rotten, peeling or cracked fascias and soffits
- ☐ Water running down the outside walls
- ☐ Downpipes blocked, cracked or loose



3. IN THE LOFT (ON A DRY DAY, WITH A TORCH)

- ☐ Daylight coming through the roof covering
- ☐ Damp patches, dark stains or mould on timbers or the underside of the roof
- ☐ Wet, damp or sagging insulation
- ☐ A musty smell or condensation
- ☐ Drips or wet patches after heavy rain

4. INSIDE THE HOUSE

- ☐ Brown or yellow stains on ceilings or upper walls
- ☐ Peeling paint or bubbling plaster
- ☐ Damp patches that grow after rain
- ☐ Water dripping during or after rain

5. AFTER A STORM OR VERY BAD WEATHER

- ☐ Check the roof, gutters and chimney from the ground
- ☐ Look for slipped or missing tiles and slates on the ground nearby
- ☐ Check ceilings and loft for new damp or drips
- ☐ Photograph any damage, with dates, in case you need to claim

Ticked anything?

Do not leave it. Small repairs cost far less than putting right the damage once water has been getting in for months. We offer a free, no-obligation survey and quotation. Our phone is open 24/7.