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Most of the time when people are looking for Edinburgh flats to rent they have a very clear idea of where they want to live. This is also great because having a fixed area where you want to live solves the problem of finding a suitable location because now all you have to do is find suitable Edinburgh flats to rent in that area that fits your price bracket. Hence it removes one of the major hassles in the house hunting process i.e. deciding the location.

You must take some time out and define where you want to live; this will make the search more focused.

You must make a checklist of factors that are important and then also try to prioritize them.

Below is a list of factors that you must specifically consider before going for an area.

### Transport links

This is one of the most important factors to narrow down a search. If you are commuting then good rail or road access is vital (you must take account of your lifestyle and the travelling involved). For this purpose, consider how you normally get around and if you will get that in the new area? Check the availability of cycle paths and footpaths, proximity of bus stops train stations and other transport systems, traffic situation in the area. Other factors that you must consider are the noise levels in the area and if you can deal with it.

### Crime rate

Obviously no one wants to move in an area with high crime rate, as this can have wide ranging effects, from making you uncomfortable walking on the streets to who your kids make friends with. The local crime rate will affect your household insurance premiums, your car infact everything.

Be very careful, don't take things at face value and look for obvious telltale signs e.g. graffiti scrawled on every available wall space, smashed windows, burnt out smoldering cars. However, crime is not always this. A good way is to check out the local crime situation through local press.

### Amenities

You must think about your needs and whether an area will be able to meet them. If you are a very social person then consider its proximity to all your friends and family. Check the nearest supermarket and if it will meet all your needs? If you have a family and kids then check out the local schools, parks, leisure centre etc. Consider if there is anything that forms part of your life and is not available in the area. If this makes you terribly unhappy, then maybe it wouldn't be such a smart move.

### Neighbors

If you want to save yourself from noisy, intrusive, grumpy, untidy neighbors then the best course of action is to talk to them, talk to people in shops and near vicinity to find out about the neighborhood.

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