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Simple Ways to Check the Mobile Coverage in Your Area by [Lucas Charlotte](#)

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With a host of new smartphone models available on the market and new devices being developed and released all the time, it is easy to become dazzled by the range of features these highly advanced telephones boast. A phone can have all the high-tech gadgetry in the world but will be completely useless if you are not able to use those features due to weak signal in your local area. It is best to complete a few simple checks before you commit to a deal, as this will ensure that you get value for money as well as a fantastic new handset packed full of the latest apps and games.

If you live in a rural area, go online and visit the mobile coverage check maps that each mobile company provides on their website. These maps show a simplified overview of the strength of that company's signal throughout the UK. It is possible to check your local area by entering your postcode or town into a search box. Usually, the bolder the colour on the map, the stronger the signal in that area. If your locality is not coloured, chances are that the company you are looking at is not suitable.

If coverage maps confuse you, try talking to friends and family. Find out which provider they use and ask them how happy they are with the coverage they receive in the local area. If the majority of people you know are with the same provider, it is highly likely that the company is the best choice for strong signal coverage in your area.

For those who are already tied up to a lengthy contract that often find themselves unable to make calls due to insufficient network coverage, it may be worth investing in a network extender or repeater. These small devices plug into your handset and boost the signal that your phone receives, often making it possible to make and receive calls in areas where it would not usually be possible. Before investing in one of these though, you should be aware that it is not uncommon for mobile signals to weaken the further inside a building you are. To see if your position while inside has an effect on the signal, try moving close to a window or stepping outside when making phone calls. If you are able to make calls from these positions, a repeater may be able to boost your signal to enable calls from further inside, although there are no guarantees. Most mobile coverage maps identify the difference between signal strength inside a building and outside. It tends to be significantly stronger when you are outside.

With information, you should be well placed to find the right mobile company. Good luck.

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