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How To Buy Double Glazing In The UK

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Summary:

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Article Body:

Double glazing reduces heat loss through your windows. You can save money on your heating bill

Double glazed windows come in a variety of sizes and styles. Check for any planning restrictio

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Always use a reputable company that you have had independently checked out. Don't rely on the

A 10% deposit is normal. A larger one is appropriate only if the work is 'bespoke' - such as u

Always pay deposits by credit card, as this will afford you some level of protection under the

Check, double check and get independent advice on the contract before you sign, as some contra

The best way to avoid salesmen's traps is to be sure of what you want before the salesman arri

Company checks to carry out:

How long have they been in business? <BR>

Check with Companies House. <BR>

What guarantees do they offer? <BR>

Are they insurance backed, lifetime or limited, are they transferable? <BR>

Membership of independent or paid for trading organisations. <BR>

These could include: <BR>

G.G.F. - Glass and Glazing Federation. <BR>

B.P.F. - British Plastics Federation. <BR>

F.M.B. - Federation of Master Builders.<BR>

Conservatory Council. <BR>

Conservatory Association. <BR>

Consumer Protection Association. <BR>

Guild of Master Craftsman.<BR>

E.B.C. - European Builders Confederation <BR>

Quality standards: <BR>

BS5750 <BR>

B.B.A. certification. <BR>

Public liability insurance.

Will the fitters and the company be covered if something should go wrong? You should look for

Product standards to check out:

B.S.I. - British standards (kitemarks), for locking, security, safety, product, glass etc. <BR>

B.B.A. - British board of Agreement. <BR>

FENSA - Document L of the building regulations.

You should make up a comparison checklist and confirm all claims independently of any sales cl

The bad ones are doing too many jobs at once, moving workers from site to site, don't supervi

Ask yourself: Have I been given:

1. Full and honest information. <BR>
2. Samples. <BR>
3. Installations locally to look at. <BR>
4. Recommendations. <BR>
5. The small print. <BR>
6. Acceptable levels of deposits and payment terms. <BR>
7. Full drawings and specification (if you don't have them prepared first). <BR>
8. Time to think!

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