

Choosing the Right Electrician

The task of finding an Electrician is a fairly simple one. Look in the Yellow Pages or load up your search engine and you're likely to be faced with hundreds, if not thousands of choices.

Of course, if your eyebrows are singed and you've just been shot three feet across the living room by the power of a household plug, you will probably go for the first one you see - or at least the [Electrician in Leeds](#) that will come soonest!

If, however, you've got some important but none life threatening electrical problems in the home or you would like to make some electrical home improvements, you really ought to be asking yourself and your potential employee some fairly pressing questions.

1. Qualifications.

It can be a bit of a minefield when looking for a good reliable tradesman. There are dozens of different companies offering qualifications to electricians and of course some are more reputable than others. The best bet is to ask to see official documentation, take note, and do some research on the company offering the qualification. Be sure that your electrician is an accredited member of the NICEIC, as this will provide you with a warranty for any work completed. Any work done without this assurance can potentially affect any potential sale of your house and any insurances that cover your home.

2. References.

When you're inviting someone into your home, it's nice to know that someone else has employed them and been happy with the service they have received. Ask for positive references from the local area for work carried out in the last few months.

3. Their interpretation of the work required.

It's very important to make sure the Electrician understands what you are actually asking for. Someone who throws technical terms at you without spelling out that they understand exactly what you are asking them to do might not be the right person for the job. A good way to approach this is to ask what they believe is necessary to resolve your situation. Make sure you understand what they are suggesting, and if you don't, simply ask them to break things down further.

4. Pricing.

For many, this will be the most important piece of information they will receive. First of all I would recommend contacting at least three companies to get a spread of prices. I would always ask for an overall price rather than an hourly rate, and if a job price is not forthcoming, it's essential to get a good idea of the expected time for the job to be carried out. Of course, the cheapest price is not always the best price, and it's important to gauge the price against the other criteria you are judging by.

5. Gut instinct.

Trusting your instincts is not a very scientific approach to employing someone, but psychologists would have it that our first impressions of people are usually right. Trust is important to both the employer and employee and if you feel comfortable, the likelihood is they too will feel at ease with you. Given that you are about to establish a professional relationship, finding someone you are going to get along with can only help.

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