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EIGHT MUST ASK QUESTIONS

Eight questions you should ask
before buying a Laundry Chute

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ONE

How do laundry chute parts comply with current UK fire safety and building regulations?

Make sure you get these answers:

- Parts are made from steel - ideally stainless steel, not plastic or wood.
- Pipework will be connected with a firm clamp to reduce/prevent smoke escaping from the joints.
- A UK fire rated door or lid will be supplied (to meet or exceed BS 476: Part 22).
- An automatic fire damper should be installed near the base of the chute.
- Parts will be encased in at least half an hour fire rated compartment using plasterboard, brick or block.

TWO

Are laundry chutes safe? Yes

Even if you do not have children or vulnerable adults living in your home they may visit.

- Laundry chute doors should be supplied with a lockable handle.
- Alternatively doors without a lockable handle (flush 'disappearing' doors) should have a two stage opening process to prevent the door being opened easily.
- A recommendation should be made that all laundry chute doors are installed at least 1m above finished floor level.
- There should be no sharp edges inside any of the pipe-work.

THREE

How often would I need my laundry chute servicing - any on going costs?

- The doors and lids should have at least a one year guarantee.
- Service plans are not required for high specification residential laundry chutes. If a part eventually becomes faulty (hinge, handle, lock etc) then replacements should be made available and priced at a reasonable cost.

FOUR

What guarantees do laundry chute companies offer - what peace of mind do I have?

- You should be offered at least a 5 year guarantee on your laundry chute pipework or even a lifetime guarantee.

All our quotes include prices for the best system to suit your property and needs, a price to 'supply only' plus a price to 'supply and install'.

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How easily is it to install your laundry chute?

- Modern laundry chute systems should be very easy to install.
- A variety of parts should be available so that the laundry chute can be installed with the minimum of fuss. Length adjustable pipework sections really help and save time.
- There should be no need for any cutting of metal - removing any health and safety risks, especially hand and eye injuries often associated with pipework.
- Installation instructions or a video should be available.

SIX

How quickly can I obtain laundry chute parts?

- This can be important especially when you are running to a strict timetable.
- Your laundry chute supplier should have stock on the shelf available for next day delivery. If extra parts are needed or something gets damaged you need to know that they are available for immediate despatch.

SEVEN

Is my house suitable for a laundry chute?

- Not if it's a bungalow!
- Suitable residential homes in the UK range from 2 to 7 floors (honestly). New builds and renovation projects can accommodate a laundry chute.
- Ideally a straight vertical drop into the utility room is the perfect situation. However, slight offsets or even angles up to 45 degrees can be fitted without laundry getting stuck halfway down.
- A reputable company will be able to look at your plans and offer advice regarding the ideal location or a chute.

EIGHT

How should a laundry chute 'end'?

Options to consider...

- A floor to ceiling cupboard can hide the pipe and the dirty laundry.
- You may like to have the pipe on show, ending about 1.5m from the floor so that the laundry falls directly into a laundry basket.
- You could install two laundry chutes that end directly above a top loading washing machine. One for whites, one for colours.
- Check to see if your chosen supplier can supply luxury laundry baskets.
- Available in the UK you can now buy a dream ironing system. Why not request details for 'residential roller ironers' - and be amazed.

Cut the hassle. Enjoy a laundry chute. Enjoy life.