

What is a Handyman?

A Handyman is basically a “Jack (or Jill) of all trades”; someone who is skilled at general carpentry and home maintenance tasks.

Often a Handyman will have a ‘trade’ (eg. plumbing, electrical or carpentry) as the foundation of their skill base, but not all – so it is important to find out the skill & experience level of your prospective Handyman.

How to find a trusted, skilled Handyman

Be clear on what you need

This is easy if you just need a smoke detector tested & battery replaced but becomes more complex if you are looking for a bathroom renovation or a kitchen facelift.

No Handyman is a mind reader, and each will have a different sense of style. Do some research on what you need; this way you will also gain a realistic expectation on cost when budgeting.

Uncertainty can increase risk of being SCAMMED, and having cost or timeline blow outs.

Seek recommendations from trusted friends

Give yourself a head start by seeking recommendations from trusted friends & family.

Get a quote ... or three

You should NOT have to pay for someone to quote on general maintenance work. If this is a requirement, cross this person off your list.

Having different people quote will enable you to –

- Assess a realistic cost level for work required; and
- Assess the nature of the person you will be inviting into your home – SAFETY is paramount!

A GOOD Handyman is a BUSY Handyman.

Don't be deterred by having to wait a reasonable amount of time to be scheduled for a quote/work.

Licences, Insurances & Police Checks

All trades people undertaking work at your home MUST be insured, and they must happily provide you with details of their insurance if asked.

If the Handyman is undertaking plumbing or electrical work, ensure that they are licenced. They should carry their licence card with them.

And, for your peace of mind, it is ideal that your prospective Handyman has undertaken a national Police Checks and Working with Children checks, if they are around children.

Local is ideal

Of course, it is not unusual for something to go wrong at the most inconvenient time. Having a Handyman who is local to your home maximises your chances for an expedited response.

Listen to your gut

It is a sad fact that there are some unscrupulous people who will take advantage of the others if given the chance.

Listen to your gut & seek advice BEFORE entering into any agreement or making any payment.