



## HOW TO CHOOSE A SURVEYOR

Whether this is the first or the fiftieth time you have found yourself needing to instruct a surveyor, how to go about finding the best professional for the job can be perplexing.

**ISVA recommends that you use the following 6 tips to help you make the right decision:**

1. **Choose an INDEPENDENT and IMPARTIAL surveyor** – do not rely on recommendations from those who stand to gain from a sale or a purchase such as the selling agent or mortgage broker.
2. **Get RECOMMENDATIONS from INDEPENDENT and IMPARTIAL sources** – preferably from those who have used the surveyor themselves or who have had experience of the surveyors work such as previous clients or genuine testimonials on the surveyor's website.
3. **Use a QUALIFIED surveyor** – check that the surveyor is a fully qualified Chartered Surveyor (MRICS or FRICS).
4. **Use an EXPERIENCED surveyor** – enquire how long the surveyor has been in practice and carrying out survey work.
5. **Use a LOCAL surveyor** – enquire about the areas or locations that the surveyor has local knowledge of; find out how many jobs the surveyor has carried out in your locality in the last few years and where they are based.
6. **Enquire about the QUALITY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE offered** – ask if the surveyor will be available to talk to you before and after the survey at no extra cost; find out how long the surveyor is likely to spend on site; ask whether you will be provided with example copies of surveys so you can reassure yourself about the quality and standard of work before making a commitment.

## AN ISVA SURVEYOR WILL MEET ALL OF THESE REQUIREMENTS

Download a copy of the ISVA CHARTER – Surveyors Setting New Standards

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