

# ■ Bifold Door Pre-Installation Checklist

Use this checklist before signing off on your bifold door project to avoid costly mistakes.

## ■ Product Specification

- Are the frames thermally broken for insulation?
- Is the glazing toughened / safety rated?
- Do the doors include quality hardware (rollers, hinges, locking system)?
- Is the threshold design suitable for your home (flush / raised / drainage integrated)?
- Have you seen independent certification (e.g. PAS 24, Secured by Design)?

## ■ Installation & Structure

- Has the installer checked that the opening is level, plumb, and structurally sound?
- Is the supporting lintel sized correctly to bear the load of the doors?
- Is the subfloor or base track suitable for the weight (e.g. concrete, not just timber)?
- Will the sill/threshold be fully sealed to prevent water ingress?
- Have expansion gaps been accounted for to allow seasonal movement?

## ■ Weatherproofing

- Are high-quality seals and gaskets included?
- Is there a drainage system integrated into the threshold?
- Have waterproof membranes and flashing been detailed for the frame-to-wall connection?

## ■ Installer Credentials

- Have you checked independent customer reviews (not just the company's website)?
- Can the installer provide case studies and references from recent jobs?
- Are they accredited by an industry body (FENSA, CERTASS, GGF)?
- Is both the product and installation covered by a written warranty?

## ■ Before You Sign

- Have you seen a CAD drawing or technical spec showing how the system will be integrated?
- Do you understand the aftercare and maintenance requirements?
- Have you got the final quotation itemised (materials + labour + warranty)?

■ *Tip: Print this checklist and go through it point by point with your installer before committing. A good company will welcome these questions — it shows you're serious about getting it right.*