

UK Temporary Building Solutions

Whatever your space needs there will be an ideal temporary building solution for you. You just need the help of a professional to find it.

Temporary Buildings – Hire or Rent There are two main types of temporary buildings – a relocatable building or a fixed building. The decision as to which to choose is really based on whether you choose to hire or purchase, and most importantly, how long you believe you will want the building for. If your company needs a building for longer than 18 months then the best solution is to purchase a fixed (or permanent building). These buildings are designed like a ‘traditional’ building yet cost a fraction of the price. Another important factor, as to whether you hire or buy will depend upon whether you intend to apply for planning permission or not.... Quite simply, if your period of use is more than 28 days, by rights, you should apply for planning permission. Although, you may well decide NOT to go down the time-consuming and costly process of applying for permission if you are only looking for a short-term hire of up to 18 months...(as many do) However, if you are looking longer-term than 18 months, I would recommend you seriously look at buying a steel-roof building, and making a formal application for planning permission... Temporary Building Hire If you decide to hire a temporary relocatable building, you will find the following advantages.. They are ideal as a quick solution – immediately solving a problem you may be having with warehouse or production space. The relocatable temporary buildings are fast to erect and dismantle – they provide an ‘instant’ solution. The design of these [temporary buildings](#) mean that no foundations or footings are needed as they simply fix using bolts or spikes to any hard standing surface. An added benefit is that they are able to be erected on uneven or sloping ground and no particular ground preparation is necessary. The temporary buildings are normally available from stock as they are standard sizes. However, if your needs change, the building can easily and rapidly be extended or reduced in size. You will most likely find that Planning Departments will ‘turn a blind eye’ (in most cases) if you are using the building for less than 18 months. However, if planning permission is refused, the building can be quickly and easily removed. Hiring a temporary building should also mean that depending upon your supplier, you should be able to have flexible hire terms – on a weekly basis, and you will only be paying for the building for as long as you need it. Additionally, there should be no up-front payments or capital outlay. Bespoke Temporary Buildings Steel buildings are all made to order which is a real benefit as it gives you the chance to have a truly ‘bespoke’ temporary building. If you think your needs are a little ‘peculiar’, the chances are a building can be designed to accommodate your needs. One company who recently went down this route found they were having a problem keeping pallets dry prior to loading. They went ahead with a purpose-built shelter that can keep a 17tonne lorry’s worth of pallets dry inside. With the potential for 70 different colour combinations with the panels used, corporate style and colour can be matched for a ‘seamless’ finish. Gutters can be designed to fit in with existing drainage to save costs and the option for skylights to give natural daylight can save on lighting costs. What is important though is that any building that you decide to go forward with is the right building for you – actually designed for the purpose it is to be used for. The building must also comply with regulations laid down by Building Control, and meet with the wind and snow requirements for the area where it is to be installed. A further consideration to be aware of if there are to be employees working inside is the relevant Health and Safety laws. All of the above are important considerations to bear in mind when making a decision about a temporary building. In Conclusion Ultimately, to decide which option is best for you and your business, you need to know as much information as possible about the different temporary building systems available. There are many factors involved but fundamentally, the most important consideration really boils down to the time frame you are going to want the building; and if you intend to apply for planning permission.

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