

Fridge Not Cooling Diagnostic Checklist

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Safe Checks to Try First

1 Confirm the temperature settings

Rule out a bumped dial or a holiday or demo mode.

2 Clear the interior air vents

Move food away so cold air can circulate between compartments.

3 Check the freezer back panel for frost

Heavy frost buildup points to a defrost fault.

4 Vacuum the condenser coils

Dust-caked coils cannot shed heat and weaken cooling.

When to Call a Technician

1 Fridge still warm after a 24-hour defrost test

A failing defrost part or fan likely needs replacement.

2 No airflow from the vents

The evaporator fan motor may have stalled or burned out.

3 Both fridge and freezer warming

Possible compressor or sealed-system fault, move food to a cooler.

4 Anything involving refrigerant

Licensed sealed-system work only, never a DIY repair.

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