

Apartment Hunting Checklist

Apartment Address: _____

Landlord's Name and #: _____

<p>Cost</p> <p>_____ Rent</p> <p>_____ Security/Deposit:</p> <p>_____ Are utilities included?</p> <p>_____ If not, what will they cost?</p> <p>_____ Is the apartment furnished?</p> <p>_____ If not, can I afford to furnish it?</p>	<p>Property Owner</p> <p>_____ Is the property owner generally available?</p> <p>_____ Will he/she respond promptly when repairs and maintenance are needed?</p> <p>_____ Have any of my friends rented from this person before?</p> <p>_____ What do other tenants think about the property owner?</p>
<p>Security</p> <p>_____ Are the door locks adequate?</p> <p>_____ Are there locks on the windows (especially basement and first floor units)?</p> <p>_____ Are the hallways/outside entrance lit?</p> <p>_____ Is there a buzzer or intercom system?</p> <p>_____ Are there peepholes in the entrance door?</p> <p>_____ Is there an alarm system, security personnel?</p>	<p>Comfort</p> <p>_____ What floor level is the apartment on?</p> <p>_____ Is it within walking distance to campus?</p> <p>_____ Are there laundry facilities on the premises?</p> <p>_____ Are they safe and well lit?</p> <p>_____ On a bus line?</p> <p>_____ Campus bus?</p> <p>_____ Is it close to grocery stores?</p>
<p>Kitchen</p> <p>_____ Is it large enough to eat in?</p> <p>_____ Is the sink scratched, damaged, rusted?</p> <p>_____ Does the faucet work?</p> <p>_____ Does the sink drain?</p> <p>_____ Does it seal?</p> <p>_____ Is the stove/oven clean?</p> <p>_____ Do the burners and oven work properly?</p> <p>_____ Are there adequate cabinets and countertops?</p> <p>_____ Is the floor in good condition?</p> <p>_____ Is there a vent fan?</p> <p>_____ Is there a dishwasher?</p> <p>_____ Is there a garbage disposal?</p> <p>_____ Are the refrigerator and freezer large enough?</p> <p>_____ How does the water taste?</p>	<p>Bathroom & Plumbing</p> <p>_____ Do the faucets leak?</p> <p>_____ Are the fixtures chipped, stained or rusted?</p> <p>_____ Are the tiles loose or cracking?</p> <p>_____ Is there a shower?</p> <p>_____ Shower curtain rod?</p> <p>_____ Is there a medicine cabinet?</p> <p>_____ Are there mirrors?</p> <p>_____ Towel racks?</p> <p>_____ Toilet tissue holder</p> <p>_____ Is there good lighting?</p> <p>_____ Is there a vent fan?</p> <p>_____ Are the electrical outlets usable and safe?</p> <p>_____ Is there adequate water pressure? (to test, turn on water in tub & sink and flush toilet)</p> <p>_____ Will there be adequate hot water?</p> <p>_____ Does each apartment have it own hot water tank?</p> <p>_____ How many gallons? (10 gallons per person is recommended)</p> <p>_____ What is the recovery time?</p>
<p>Heating</p> <p>_____ Can I control the heat?</p> <p>_____ Is the house insulated?</p> <p>_____ Are there storm windows?</p> <p>_____ Are there heat ducts in each room?</p>	<p>Electrical</p> <p>_____ Are the outlets grounded in each room?</p> <p>_____ Is the circuit breaker or fuse box within easy access?</p> <p>_____ Do all the outlets and light switches work?</p>
<p>General</p> <p>_____ Is there parking?</p> <p>_____ Is there enough parking for all of the tenants in the building?</p> <p>_____ Are there water stains on the ceilings or walls?</p> <p>_____ Can I hear the neighbors?</p> <p>_____ Can the neighbors hear me?</p> <p>_____ Are there signs of mice or pests?</p> <p>_____ Is there adequate closet space?</p>	<p>Neighborhood</p> <p>_____ What is the general condition of the building?</p> <p>_____ Have there been any burglaries or other crimes in the area?</p> <p>_____ Is the building on a main street?</p> <p>_____ Are there any nuisances in the area such as a swamp, firehouse, hospital or the Carrier Dome?</p> <p>_____ Will I be happy living in this apartment for nine months or a year?</p>

_____ Has the apartment been freshly painted?

_____ Can the mailbox be locked?