



## Housing Checklist

Apartment Location

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### Basics

- \_\_\_\_\_ How many bedrooms and bathrooms?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rent cost
- \_\_\_\_\_ Security deposit
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are utilities included?
- \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what will they cost?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the apartment furnished?
- \_\_\_\_\_ If not, can I afford to furnish it?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the landlord/super generally available?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Will he/she respond promptly when repairs and maintenance are needed?
- \_\_\_\_\_ What is the general condition of the building?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Will I be happy living in this apartment for nine months or a year?

### Security

- \_\_\_\_\_ Are the door locks adequate?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are the hallways/outside entrance lit?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a buzzer or intercom system?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there peepholes in the entrance door?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there an alarm system or security personnel?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can the mailbox be locked?

### Kitchen

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it large enough to eat in?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the sink scratched, damaged, rusted?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the faucet work?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does the sink drain?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do the burners and oven work properly?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there adequate cabinets and countertops?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the floor in good condition?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a vent fan?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a dishwasher?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a garbage disposal?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are the refrigerator and freezer large enough?

### **Plumbing and Electrical**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Do the faucets leak?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Condition of shower?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there mirrors?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Towel racks?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there a bathroom vent fan?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are the electrical outlets usable and safe?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there adequate water pressure?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Does each apartment have its own hot water tank?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are the outlets grounded in each room?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the circuit breaker or fuse box within easy access?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Do all the outlets and light switches work?

### **Heating and A/C**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Can I control the heat?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is the apartment insulated?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there heat ducts in each room?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there central air or window units?

### **Comfort**

- \_\_\_\_\_ What floor level is the apartment on?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there laundry facilities on the premises?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it close to grocery stores?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can I hear the neighbors?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Can the neighbors hear me?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Are there signs of mice or pests?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is there adequate closet space?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Has the apartment been freshly painted?

### **Location**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it within walking distance to campus?
- \_\_\_\_\_ If not, what subway line or bus line can be accessed?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Will I feel safe walking to and from transportation to my apartment late at night?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it near a police station?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it near a school?
- \_\_\_\_\_ Is it near a park?