

Rental Checklist

(Questions to Ask Yourself and the Landlord)



BASICS

- How much is the rent?
- Does the rent include all utilities?
- What type of heating method is used?
- Does the tenant have control over heating/air-conditioning?
- Are overnight guests allowed?
- Are pets allowed?
- Where is the fuse box/breaker box located?
- Are there working laundry facilities?
- Is a fridge/stove/microwave provided in working order?
- Is it close to public transport?
- Are there grocery stores, pharmacy and other amenities nearby?

QUALITY OF ACCOMMODATION

- Is there sufficient cupboard/closet space?
- How many people share the bathroom/kitchen with you?
- Will moving in and out be difficult because of stairs?
- Is there any evidence of pests?
- Is the carpet/floor reasonably clean?

- Are the walls in good repair?
- Is the water pressure adequate?
- Is there a good supply of hot water?
- Are there sufficient electrical outlets?

SAFETY

- Do you feel comfortable in the neighbourhood?
- Does the room/apartment have adequate locks?
- Are all windows intact and lockable?
- Are there smoke/carbon monoxide detectors in key areas?
- Is there more than one fire exit from the unit?
- Is there a working fire extinguisher?
- Is the entrance well lit and are any shrubs well trimmed?
- Who has access to the house key and when were the locks last changed?

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Are you responsible for shovelling snow?
- Are you responsible for lawn maintenance?
- Are there adequate garbage containers provided and when is garbage picked up?

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