



# How to Inspect an Apartment (Checklist)

## Essentials

### **Location, Location, Location**

One of the most important things to consider when...

### **Bedrooms**

Inspecting a bedroom is really important. Mention: layout, closet, windows, blinds, outlets

### **Amenities**

Parking, Dishwasher, Laundry, included utilities, what type of stove.

## Less obvious

### **Common Space**

How do you plan to use it? Space for couches, tv, etc.

### **Utilities**

What type of heating? are they included? What are previous average utilities?

### **Trash and Recycling**

What day does it come? Manually separated, or single stream?

### **Hot Water and Pressure**

Does the water get hot quickly? Go turn the shower on! Do it! Hold your hand there, how's the pressure?

### **Smoke Detectors**

Make sure they're there

### **Air Conditioning**

Allowed, included, window boxes in the basement?

## Reviewing the Lease

### **READ THE WHOLE THING**

It's not that long, and it's in English. No excuses, here. Want feedback? ChatGPT is your friend.

### **Watch Out For**

Rules about guests, sublets, pets.

## Extra Tips

### **Be honest about what you don't like**

Is it a huge turn off that there's no laundry in the basement? Tell the landlord! They will often agree to add amenities or make repairs in order to get you to sign. Just be honest!

### **Talk to Previous Tenants**

Grab the phone number for current tenant. You can call later and ask about the landlord. Responsive? Charges fees for late rent? Also, make sure to ask about any furniture they may be leaving behind!

