



Viewing An Apartment

Outside the building:

Is the neighbourhood safe? Does it appear friendly and quiet? Is it clean?

Is the apartment near work/school/church/daycare or other things that I need or like?

Bus Route - is it close enough for you to walk to the bus?

Grocery Store - is it near a store that you like to shop at?

Laundromat – If laundry is not in the building , where is the next closest laundromat?

Playgrounds/Parks – Are there places you can take your children to play within walking distance?

Schools – Is there a school nearby that would meet your's or your children's needs?

Inside the building:

Is there controlled entry/buzzer system?

Are there fire extinguishers & smoke alarms in the hallway?

Building Cleanliness? Are hallways free of garbage? Smell?

Once inside the apartment, consider:

Do the doors inside the unit have locks which work? Is it a deadbolt?

Is there a peephole on the door?

Will the landlord change the locks on the door from the last tenant?

Do the windows have screens and locks?

Do you have a fuse box in your unit?

Is the unit furnished or unfurnished?

Is the landlord going to do any work to unit?

Do the appliances work (fridge, stove, lights)? Turn them on to see.

Does the water run clear and does it get warm?

Who controls the heat? Is the thermostat in the unit? Are utilities included?

Do the walls or ceilings show any water damage? Check for yellow rings on the ceiling/walls.

Are there working electric, phone jacks & cable outlets?

Is there any sign of cockroaches/mice? Check the dark places such as cupboards and closets and check for signs of mice droppings.

Other Information to consider

What is the Landlord's name?

What is the application process?

Is the landlord interested in keeping the building clean and well maintained?

Are you comfortable asking the landlord questions?

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