

# Apartment Tour Checklist

## Everywhere

- ☐ Check floors, walls and ceiling for any water damage, mold, mildew, etc.
- ☐ Open and close every window. They shouldn't be hard to open. Each window should also have a screen for safety.
- ☐ Make sure all doors open and close securely.
- ☐ Plug something small, like a phone charger, into each outlet. This will verify they all have power.
- ☐ Test all light switches to make sure they all work.
- ☐ Check smoke alarms and ask about whether there's a sprinkler system.

## Kitchen

- ☐ Run the kitchen faucet to check the water pressure and that both hot and cold work. Make sure you can't hear any strange sounds when the water is on.
- ☐ Open all cabinets to check storage space and make sure there's no evidence of unwanted pests.
- ☐ Turn on all appliances to make sure they work.
- ☐ Open the fridge and freezer to check their temperatures.

## Bedroom

- ☐ Confirm the closet and storage sizes.
- ☐ If you don't have central air-conditioning, ask about whether you can install a window AC unit.
- ☐ If there's a ceiling fan, check to make sure all speeds work

## Bathroom(s)

- ☐ Turn on all faucets and check for hot and cold water.
- ☐ Flush the toilet to make sure it works.
- ☐ Listen carefully each time you turn something on to make sure there are no strange noises coming from the pipes.
- ☐ Open cabinets and check for any standing water.
- ☐ Check around the base of the toilet for water leaks.
- ☐ Eyeball the tile and grout to make sure you don't see any cracks or chips.
- ☐ Check to make sure your shower head is firmly in the wall.

## **Living space**

- ☐ Test the locks on the front door for security. If there's not already a deadbolt or chain, ask if it's OK to install one for added safety.
- ☐ Check for how sound carries.
- ☐ If the unit has laundry hook-ups check to make sure the space looks clean and the hook-ups don't appear broken.

## **The building and neighborhood**

- ☐ Look at the lighting to make sure common hallways, parking areas and the property, in general, is bright enough.
- ☐ If you have a balcony, make sure the access door is in good working order and locks tightly.
- ☐ Verify you'll have a place to park and that guests won't have to struggle to find parking.
- ☐ If there are security gates onto the property, make sure they're working.
- ☐ Check out all the shared amenities to make sure things look clean and well-maintained.