

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.