

RENTAL VIEWING CHECKLIST

Consider taking a friend or someone you trust to viewings to support you. If you are unable to attend the viewing yourself in-person, it may be helpful to have a friend or trustee attend instead. In-person viewings often allow for a better evaluation of living accommodations.

Here are some things to keep in mind while viewing rental accommodations:

Is everything in safe and working condition?

- You can do this by turning on and off the lights, furnace, and seeing if appliances work, and checking to see if the space is well maintained and clean.

- If there is any damage, will it be replaced/fixed before moving in?

Is the place safe?

- Check the locks to make sure they are in working condition.

- If you are viewing a secondary suite in a home, is there a separate entrance with a lock?

- Ask the landlord: Who will have access to the rental? Who will have a key to the place besides the tenant?

How many people live there?

- Rental ads may misrepresent how many people are living in a space.

- If you will be living with roommates, ask who they are and how many there will be.

Whose responsibility will it be for maintenance?

- Will it be the responsibility of the renter to do yard work, shovel snow, or repair damages?

What is included with the space?

- Does the rental come furnished or unfurnished?

- Is the included furnishing in good condition and desirable?

Is the space functional?

- *Safety and functionality* should be the top priorities while looking at rentals

- Is the place clean? Have there been pets or smoking in the rental?

Tips for viewing rentals online:

Ask the landlord to show you the above things on video

- Including the lock on the door, turning the light on and off, working appliances etc.

Viewing rentals only online may make it more challenging to be aware of red flags or scams.

- Asking the above questions during online viewings is pivotal to prioritizing your safety.

If a friend or family member is going to the viewing, make sure they have the questions you want answered ahead of time.



Please contact the University of Calgary Students' Union office if you have any questions or need further support:

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