

Safety Checklist for Apartments

1. Does management run a background check on all tenants?
2. Does management enforce the background requirements/rules?
3. Does management require enforcement of apartment rules/regulations?
4. Does management change the locks or re-key each unit before tenants move in?
5. Do exterior doors and your apartment door fit and close securely?
6. Are ground level windows fitted with bars and open only from the inside?
7. Do your windows and sliding glass doors have anti-lift devices?
8. Do you have a wide angle peep hole in your door?
9. Does your peep hole have an inside cover?
10. Do you open your door to a stranger?
11. Do you know your neighbors?
12. Does your building have a community watch?
13. Do you have an alarm on your apartment?
14. Do you use timers for lights and appliances?
15. Do you have a dog?
16. Are the exterior and interior areas, including entrance, exit, and hallway, well lit?
17. Does management maintain the property: keeps the grounds clear of overgrowth, and debris, repairs broken windows, locks, doors, "buzzers", replace burned out bulbs, etc.
18. Are fire escapes and exits easily identified and alarmed?
19. Are there crime prevention notices or alarm decals on the property?
20. Is there on-premise security?
21. Do you have only your last name or initial and last name on your mailbox?

23. Do you observe your surroundings when going to and from your apartment, to shared areas as parking lot, laundry room, mail room, fitness center, etc.?
24. Do you use apartment facilities when you are the only person there?
25. Do you exit an elevator if someone enters and you feel uneasy about that person?
26. Do you get into an elevator, occupied by only one person, if you do not know that person?
27. Do you lock your apartment door even if just running to dump trash?
28. Do you leave notes on your door as "Be right back...gone to store."?
29. Do you prop open secured entry for your visitors?
30. Do you allow strangers to enter your building as you enter or exit the building?
31. Do you "buzz" in strangers?
32. Do you report, in writing, any concerns or problems to maintenance?
33. Do you tell others---neighbors, friends, co-workers and family---about your concerns or problems?
34. Do you follow up with maintenance action taken on your concerns or problems?
35. Do you report to police any crimes?
36. Do you keep valuables out of site---away from windows---and out of your car?
37. If required to give management a key, do you know who is authorized to use it, under what circumstances, and if you are notified when it is used?