

# Apartment Hunting Checklist

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Costs	<p>Can I afford the monthly rent? If there is a broker's fee and deposits, can I afford it? If utilities are not included, can I afford the estimated monthly amount?</p>
Safety	<p>Do all entrance doors have locks? Is there a peephole? Do the windows lock (especially for first floor or basement units)? Is there a doorbell or intercom system? Is there an alarm system in the case of emergencies? Is the street well lit? Do I feel safe in this building/neighborhood?</p>
Landlord	<p>Are they easy to contact/responsive? Are they reputable among my friends/past tenants?</p>
Heating/ Electrical	<p>Are there storm windows? Are there heat ducts or radiators in every room? Are there working grounded outlets in every room? Is the circuit breaker easily accessible?</p>
Comfort/ Location	<p>Is it a reasonable distance from campus Are there laundry facilities in unit or nearby? Is it near public transit stops/grocery stores? Is the building generally in good condition?</p>
Other	<p>If I need it, is there space of parking? Are there no signs of mice/pests? Do I have enough storage space?</p>

**Do I want to live here for one year?**