

**Checklist**

**Pre-rental inspection**

You've found an apartment, you like it, you decide to take it. But soon after moving in you discover that the water pressure is too low, there's no laundry room in the building, there aren't enough kitchen cupboards and you're searching in vain for the fuse box to change a burnt out fuse!

You can avoid a situation like this. Use the "Rental inspection checklist" when you visit a rental so as to be sure that the apartment or house suits your current and future needs... And that you won't have any unpleasant surprises! *Keep this checklist. It could also be useful as a reminder after you've moved in.*



**BASIC INFORMATION**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Apt. #: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Rent month: \_\_\_\_\_ Term: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESTRICTIONS (Apartment and building)**

**Children:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Pets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Noise (curfew):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Visitors:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Balconies** (washing line, satellite dish, bicycle...): \_\_\_\_\_

**Installation of air conditioning units in the windows:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECURITY (Apartment and building)**

**Security systems** (doorman, security cameras, locked main entrance etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

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**Doors to apartment** • Functional locks: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

• Deadbolt: Yes No      • Chain lock : Yes No      • Peephole : Yes No

**Windows** • Functional locks: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**Fire** • Extinguishers / Fire hose in the corridors: Yes No • If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

• Alarm activation system Yes No • If yes, where: \_\_\_\_\_

• Evacuation plan always visible: Yes No • Smoke detectors in apartment: Yes No

## Apartment characteristics and amenities

**Heating included:** Yes No • If not, cost: \_\_\_\_\_ • Type of heating: \_\_\_\_\_

**Electricity included:** Yes No • If not, cost: \_\_\_\_\_

**Fuse box** • where: \_\_\_\_\_

• Type of protection: Fuses / breakers

**Water meter:** Yes No

**Washer - dryer connections:** Yes No

**Sufficient number of electrical sockets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sufficient number of telephone sockets:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cable TV socket:** Yes No • If not, local antenna socket: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**Air conditioning included:** Yes No • Type: Central / Window unit

**Adequate water pressure** (hot/cold, kitchen/bath/shower): \_\_\_\_\_

**Efficient evacuation of the toilet bowl:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Appearance of the waterproof joints around the bath or shower:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bathroom ventilators:** Yes No

**Furniture** • Unfurnished / Semi-furnished / Furnished • Space for dishwasher: Yes No

• Appliances/furniture included: \_\_\_\_\_

• Condition of the appliances/furniture included: \_\_\_\_\_

**Room sizes:** \_\_\_\_\_

• Are the rooms big enough to take your furniture and appliances? Yes No

**Paint** • Fresh paint needed: Yes No • Paint supplied: Yes No

• Restricted choice of colors: Yes No • If yes, what colors: \_\_\_\_\_

**Sufficient storing spaces:** Yes No \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of windows** (adequate day light): \_\_\_\_\_

**Adequate kitchen cupboards, drawers, food storing space:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Adequate kitchen counter** (size, depth, electrical sockets, space for small appliances): \_\_\_\_\_

**Other items/services supplied/included:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Visible damage/repairs needed:** \_\_\_\_\_

## BUILDING CHARACTERISTICS AND AMENITIES

- Elevator:** Yes No
- Access for disabled persons:** Yes No
- Mail box** • Condition: \_\_\_\_\_ • Secure: Yes No
- Laundry room in building:** Yes No • If not, Laundromat in the neighborhood: Yes No
- Garbage amenities:** \_\_\_\_\_
- Storage space outside the apartment** (locker): Yes No
- Parking space:** Yes No • If not, extra cost: \_\_\_\_\_ • Snow removal: Yes No
- Interior/exterior: \_\_\_\_\_ • Electrical socket for engine block heater: Yes No
- Number of places included: \_\_\_\_\_ • Additional spaces available: Yes No
- If yes, extra cost: \_\_\_\_\_ • Parking for visitors: \_\_\_\_\_
- Amenities for car washing: Yes No \_\_\_\_\_
- Pool:** Yes No • Indoor/Outdoor: \_\_\_\_\_ • Lifeguard: Yes No
- Yard arrangement** (lawn, trees, flowers etc.): Yes No • Yard arrangements for children: Yes No
- Access to the lawn (sunbathing, resting, games etc.): Yes No
- Resident janitor:** Yes No • Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AND AMENITIES

- "Green" neighborhood (trees, plants, lawns)
- "Grey" neighborhood (concrete, asphalt, little greenery)

*Check the amenities at less than ten minutes walking distance or less than five minutes driving distance*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bus stop</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Health institutions (hospital, CLSC, clinics)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Main highways</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Daycare services</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Library</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Banks / cash point machines</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Laundromat</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Religious institutions</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Post office</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Metro</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Shopping mall</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Park (rest/games for children)</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Fitness center</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Indoor or outdoor public swimming pool</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Municipal sports facilities</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Drug store</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Video club</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Restaurants</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Seven-eleven</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Cinema</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Schools</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Gas station</b>
	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Supermarket</b>