

Renter's Check List

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There are a lot of things you need to think about when looking for a place to live. We have covered [Leases and Legislation](#) and [Types of Accommodation](#) . Now here are a few things you need to check off your list, prior to making you're final choice, of where to live.

Roommates

When considering having a roommate or roommates, we suggest that you consider negotiating a roommate agreement prior to committing to renting an apartment. Experience has shown that even the best of friends and intentions can easily changes from friends to enemies in a very short time of sharing an apartment. Prior to committing to becoming roommates it is suggested that you consider these points:

A: Rent

- How much is each going to pay?
- What room will each get?
- How are each going to pay? The landlord? A roommate, who then pays the landlord?

B: Other Charges: (How are you going to handle sharing these)

- Telephone
- Food
- Cable

C: Chores: (Who is doing what, when and how often)

- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Outdoor maintenance

D: House rules

- Are visitors and overnight guests allowed?
- Are you permitted to share household appliances?
- Are smoking and/or alcohol allowed?
- Are pets permitted?
- Privacy issues?

E: Other things

Once you have considered all these things, we suggest that you document it with a that all parties commit to and sign, with witnesses.

Quick Links

- [Landlord and Tenant Act](#)
- [Landlord and Tenant Information](#)
- [Rental Agreement](#)
- [Roommate Agreement](#)

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