Apartment Safety Checklist: Ask These Questions on Your Apartment Tour

The neighborhood

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- ☐ Is the neighborhood secluded or busy?
- ☐ What do public safety reports say?

Outside your apartment

- ☐ Do exterior gates and fences keep people out?
- ☐ Are sidewalks and steps in good condition
- □ Are seasonal hazards addressed?
- ☐ Is there sufficient exterior lighting?
- ☐ Is the parking lot safe?
- ☐ Are there security cameras?

Complex and building security

- ☐ Is the common entranceway secure?
- ☐ Is there security personnel on-site?
- ☐ Does staff have access to your apartment?
- ☐ Is your apartment safe while you're away?

Intrusion security

- ☐ Is it a first floor apartment?
- ☐ Is the front door secure?
- ☐ Are the door locks sufficient?
- ☐ Are the windows protected?
- ☐ Do you have window treatments?

Health safety

- ☐ Is there fire suppression equipment?
- ☐ Are there enough smoke detectors?
- ☐ Are all appliances maintained properly?
- ☐ Do you see signs of mold or infestations?