Apartment Safety Checklist: Ask These Questions on Your Apartment Tour

The neighborhood

☐ What is the neighborhood's crime history?
☐ 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?