

Apartment Security Checklist

Building Identification

Is the building address clearly visible, with at least three inch numbers to help emergency services find the residence?

Yes _____ No _____

Doors & Locks

Do each of the exterior doors appear to be structurally sound and securely anchored?

Yes _____ No _____

Does the front door have a peephole?

Yes _____ No _____

Does the exterior door have a one inch deadbolt lock?

Yes _____ No _____

Are the door locks at least 40 inches from any glass?

Yes _____ No _____

If there is a sliding glass door, can the sliding panel be secured so that it cannot be taken out of its track?

Yes _____ No _____

Does the landlord re-key the lock after each tenant moves out? (Also ask who else will have a key to your residence and under what circumstances they will be allowed to enter.)

Yes _____ No _____

If this is a multi-unit dwelling, are entrance doors key-controlled for extra security?

Yes _____ No _____

Windows

Do all windows have adequate locks in operating condition?

Yes _____ No _____

Do windows have screens that lock from inside?

Yes _____ No _____

If there are windows that open with the use of a crank, can they only be opened from the inside and not pulled open from the outside? (Also check to make sure window panels can't be removed without breaking.)

Yes _____ No _____

Are exterior areas of windows free from concealing structures and landscapes?

Yes _____ No _____

Lighting

Is the exterior and entrance lit with at least a 40-watt light?

Yes _____ No _____

If this is a multi-unit dwelling, are hallways and stairs well lit?

Yes _____ No _____

Interior Condition

Are the walls and ceilings in good repair and free from loose or flaking plaster and peeling paint?

Yes _____ No _____

Are the floors sound and in good repair?

Yes _____ No _____

Do all light fixtures operate properly?

Yes _____ No _____

Are all wires connected and in good condition?

Yes _____ No _____

Is the heating system capable of heating all rooms?

Yes _____ No _____

Are all gas appliances free of unusual odors?

Yes _____ No _____

Do all drains flow freely without leaking? (Check for water-stained ceilings.)

Yes _____ No _____

Are there functional smoke detectors?

Yes _____ No _____

Is there a fire extinguisher?

Yes _____ No _____

Other items to check

Is there adequate parking? Is it off-street parking?

Yes _____ No _____

Is there adequate lighting in the parking areas?

Yes _____ No _____

Can entrances be clearly observed from the street by neighbors or the police?

Yes _____ No _____

Is there a safe approach where landscaping or other obstacles do not afford hiding places to attackers?

Yes _____ No _____

Is the property properly lit at night?

Yes _____ No _____