

Apartment Walkthrough Checklist

Kitchen

- Test every appliance to ensure it works correctly. Is the exterior and interior of every appliance clean? Make sure these appliances turn on:
 - Oven and stovetop
 - Dishwasher
 - Refrigerator
 - Garbage disposal
- Check the oven and stovetop. Are the burners clean? Does the broiler work?
- Check the temperature of the fridge and freezer and make sure they are cold. The freezer should be free of ice as well.
- Does the kitchen sink drain? Are there any signs of mold or water damage underneath the sink?
- Open and close all the cabinets and drawers. Do you see any chips or scratches? Do they open correctly?
- Test the range hood's light and fan.

Bathroom

- Is the bathroom clean?
- Do all the faucets work? How is the water pressure? Test for hot water as well.
- Does the bathroom sink drain properly? Does the shower drain properly?
- Are there any cracked tiles or missing grout in the sink, bathtub, or shower?
- Do all the light fixtures work?
- Look around the toilet. Look under and around the sink. Does anything look damp? Are the pipes dripping water? Are there any signs of mold or water damage?
- Does the toilet flush?
- Does the fan turn on?
- Does the medicine cabinet open properly?

Laundry Room

- Do the washer and dryer work properly?
- If you have an on-site laundry facility, is it well maintained? Is it brightly lit? Ask your landlord or agent if there are any safety features to ensure only residents have access.

Entire Apartment

- Are there any unusual odors present?
- Run the heater and air conditioning to make sure they can produce heat and cold air.
- Do all the lights turn on? Are there any flickering lights?
- Do all the outlets work? Tip: you can use a phone charger to test outlets!
- Do the doors and windows open and close smoothly? Do the screens and panes need to be repaired or replaced?
- Pay attention to signs of [water damage](#) on the ceiling or floor. Water damage can be seen in several ways including warped flooring, peeling paint, musty odors, wall stains, and leaking water.
- Pay attention to the flooring. If the room has carpet, check for any stains and odors. If you have hardwood or vinyl flooring, are there any large scuffs? Do you notice any bubbling or buckling?
- Check the walls for peeling paint, cracks, and stains. Are there any marks or discolorations on the walls?
- Check under sinks and in closets for signs of any rodents or insects.
- Do the closets have a sturdy pole or fixtures for hanging clothing?

Security and Safety

- Do all the door locks in the house work properly? Do any of the doorknobs have issues? Do all the window locks work? Your locks and doorknobs shouldn't wobble or shift. Also, make sure you have a working key for each lock. Check for any drafts as well.
- Do you have a peephole?
- Do all your lights work?
- Do the blinds and curtains open and close?
- Are there carbon monoxide and smoke detectors? Do they work?
- Is there is a security system installed? Does it work?
- Is there a fire extinguisher?
- Where is the circuit breaker located?