Ask for a walk-through inspection The day you are going to sign your lease, walk through the apartment with your landlord and test all the appliances and fixtures. Make sure everything is working properly before you move in. Take pictures of any damage or problem so that you will not be responsible when you move out.



Use your camera Document the condition of your rental when you move in and out.

Communicate If you have a concern or are running late on rent, let them know.

Read your lease agreement A lease agreement makes the rules clear about the expectations for the tenant and the landlord. Read it closely and keep a copy.

## Keep

records and receipts Use email or text to communicate with your landlord so you have a record of what and when you have discussed things with them.



Use Renters Insurance Renters insurance is relatively inexpensive and can cover the value of your belongings in the event of fire or natural disaster. Taking these steps can help protect you from unnecessary issues with your landlord, neighbors, maintenance and management.



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