



Hey Neighbor!

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Renter Dispute Help

Make an appointment
umt.edu/RenterCenter

Legal Assistance (affordable)

umt.edu/asum/Legal

UDASH

Downtown to the U!
Until 2:30 AM
Thurs., Fri., & Sat.
umt.edu/asum/ot

SARC

**Sexual Assault
Resource Center**
24-hour Help Line
243-6559
umt.edu/SARC

Animal Control
(406) 541-7387



Thoughts?
rentercenter@mso.umt.edu

Off-Campus Connections

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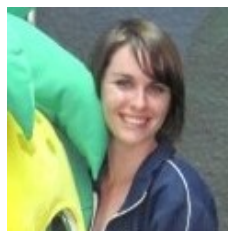
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Welcome to the Neighborhood Ambassador Program!

The program provides an opportunity to further communication between homeowners and student renters, identify neighborhood issues, and provide information to renters on their rights and responsibilities. This is accomplished through event planning, newsletters, and problem-solving.
We are happy to call you neighbors!

Katy

I am a first-year graduate student in the Intercultural Youth & Family Development Department. Prior to moving to Missoula, Katy lived in Frederick, Maryland and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. What she's all about: seeing the world, teaching and working with children, playing guitar, writing, experimental cooking, reading, cultivating relationships, laughing until she cries, and doing anything that is new and/or slightly terrifying.



Erin

I am from Northern California, and I feel very fortunate to be studying at UM. I'm a lifelong lover of words, double-majoring in English Literature & Communication Studies with a German minor. When not studying, I enjoy riding for the UM Equestrian Team and getting involved in the community through Emmaus Campus Ministry.



Paul

I am originally from Boulder, CO and have lived in Helena and Missoula for several years. I am currently earning my degree in Health & Human Performance with an Emphasis in Community Health. I like doing most things outdoors and enjoy trying new things. In addition to being a Neighborhood Ambassador, I also volunteer coach for fifth grade basketball.



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Krystin

I moved to MT from Dayton, Ohio. Now that I know the natural and humanitarian beauty of the Northwest, I hope to return to this area of the country after serving in the Peace Corps. I enjoy learning about people who are different from me, being outside, playing soccer, hanging out with kids, dancing, baking, and writing.



Ashli

I am from a small town in Montana that is surrounded by beautiful mountains. So naturally, I love being outside, traveling, yoga, family, reading, writing, coffee and especially coffee with good company.



Your Landlord Must Provide A Safe Rental

It's natural for student renters to get pretty focused on one thing and one thing only when they go to rent a place, and that's monthly cost. While it's great to be able to pay rent, buy books, and eat something besides ramen during the semester, it's not a smart move to put up with unsafe rental conditions in the place you call home while you're studying here at UM.

A couple of important things to know: Egress windows are a necessity in basement apartments, and working smoke detectors are required in all rentals. Gas furnaces are not permitted to serve more than one rental unit (why should you pay for someone else's heat?), and stairways need to be safe, which means their rise and run are consistent and they have appropriately installed handrails and guardrails.

These are just a few important safety requirements for your rental, all of which your landlord is obligated to facilitate. You can get a complete list of requirements by contacting the UM Off-Campus Renter Center in the UC, and if you have any questions or uncertainties about the safety of your living situation, request a **FREE** (*that's right, free-no ramen excuses*) housing inspection from a City of Missoula housing inspector through the Voluntary Residential Housing Inspection Program (VRIP).

With papers, exams, presentations, and the no-doubt spectacular social life you manage to fit into all that school stuff, you don't have time to live in an unsafe environment. If you have any uncertainties about the safety of the place you're renting, follow every good professor's advice: Ask questions! The information is available and so is the **FREE** (*did I say free?*) housing inspection that will ensure the place you rent is safe-no matter what you pay per month.

Ask the Renter Center for an inspection today!

Not to be used as legal advice

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Campus Events

Housing & Community Resources Fair
Wednesday, March 14th 9 AM to 3 PM
UC Atrium

International Culture & Food Festival
Sunday, March 25th, 12—5 PM
University Center

3rd Annual Tunnel of Oppression
Mon, March 19 to Wed, March 21; 10 AM - 6:30 PM
University Center

Community Events

University Neighborhood Meeting
Free snacks! Meet your neighbors!
Tuesday, March 20th 7 PM to 8:30 PM
Paxon Elementary School. 101 Evans

Missoula Art Museum Artini
Thursday, Mar 15 6—9 PM
Fee live music & hors d'oeuvres

Peace & Justice Film Series
Thursday nights at 7pm in Gallagher Room 122
(Donation requested but not required)
March 15 "*Music Within*"
March 22 "*Tipping Point: The Age of the Oil Sands*"
March 29 "*Pelada*"

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umt.edu/asum/legal

Wills, Tenant/Landlord, Divorce,
Child Custody, and more!

