

Apartment Hunting Checklist

Address

Estimated commute time to work/school:

Lease Details

Move-in Date: _____

Length of Lease: _____

Monthly Rent: _____

Security Deposit: _____

Additional payments upon leasing:

- First Month Rent
- Broker's Fee
- Key Deposit
- Other: _____

Utilities Included

- Water
- Electricity
- Other: _____

Building Details

- Elevator
- Stairs
- How many floors

Other:

- Pets Allowed
- Smoking Allowed

Amenities

- Air-conditioning
- Laundry
- Courtyard
- Doorman/Concierge
- Swimming Pool
- Gym
- Recreation or Club Room

Maintenance Policy

- WiFi
- Tenant Responsibility
- Landlord Responsibility
- Other: _____

Garbage Disposal

- Dumpster
- Garbage Chute
- Recycling
- Other: _____

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Parking

- Street Parking
- Garage
- Parking Fee

Apartment Details

- Single Room
- Studio Room
- One-Bedroom
- Two-Bedroom
- Other: _____
- Room Size sq. ft.: _____
- Carpet
- Hardwood Floors
- Furnished
- Cable/Internet Ready
- Balcony or Patio
- Fireplace (Working/Non-working)

Kitchen

- Refrigerator
- Dishwasher
- Microwave
- Garbage Disposal
- Stove
- Gas/Electric

Questions:

How modern are the appliance?

Is there adequate counter space for your cooking needs?

Yes / No

Bathroom

- Window
- Fan/Circulation Vent

Look for:

- Mold
- Broken Tiles
- Soap Scum
- Rust on Showerhead/Tub

Bedroom(s)

- At Least One Window
- Closet/Storage
- Outlets

Is decorating/painting allowed?

Yes / No

Hanging pictures on walls:

Yes / No

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Signs of Pest:

- Bed bugs leave small dark spots on the mattresses or walls, and have a sweet musty smell.
- Roaches are active at night; if you see them during daytime, that's a problem.
- Ants & mice are attracted to crumbs.
- Droppings, scratching noises, gnaw marks and holes in walls are signs of mice. Also, if you notice steel wool or traps around the apartment, that's a sign they have been spotted.

Safety

- Fire Escape or Two Exits
- Smoke Alarms
- Fire Extinguisher
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Sprinklers
- Mold (Notice if there is a custy smell)
- Lead Paint*

*According to the Massachusetts State Lead Law, if you have children under 6 years old, it is illegal to live in apartments with lead paint. You can expect to sign a Lead Law form as a part of your lease which will give you details on whether there is lead paint in your unit

If the apartment is a ground floor or lower level unit, are there secure bars/gates on the windows?

Yes / No

Are there locks on all doors?

Yes / No

Surrounding Area

Where is the nearest?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee Shop: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Green Space (Park) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Police/Fire Station | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundromat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Transport Stop | |

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Notes: