

### What do the ads tell you?

#### The Ad...

123 Wallaby Way, Sydney, WI - The Nemo Apartment Complex is just 2 blocks from the waterfront and town. Restaurant and shopping are easily walkable from the apartment building. This all brick, 2 story, secure building has off-street parking and shared on-site laundry. 18R/1BA apartments with air conditioning, 4 large closets, kitchen pantry and separate storage locker. Rent includes thermostat controlled heat, water and trash disposal. Tenant pays electricity. No pets or water filled furniture. Security Deposit is \$625, Rent is \$625

#### Questions...

- What is the address of the unit?
  What is included in the rent?
  What utilities does the tenant pay?
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  How much have these costs been in the past?
  What other costs could the tenant be expected to pay?



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### **Rental Cost** Comparison

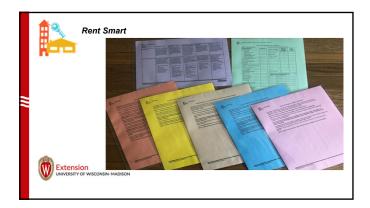
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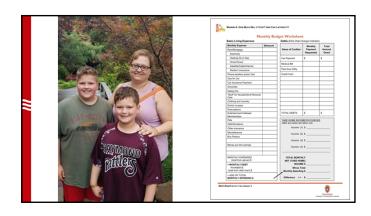


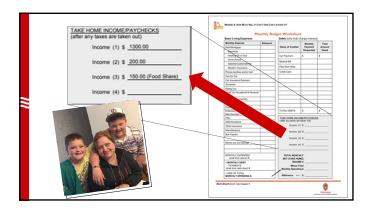
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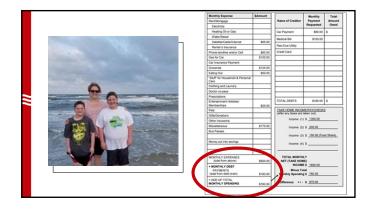






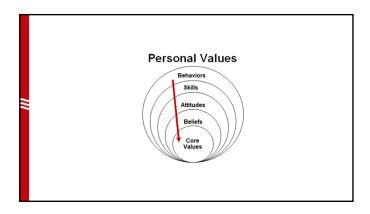


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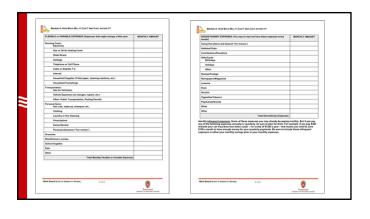


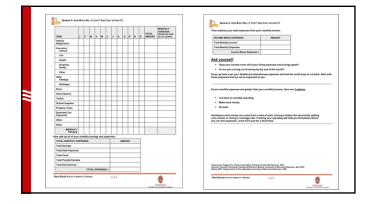




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Optional Activity: Small Change Adds Up



Optional Activity: Group Budgeting Exercise







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## **Module Objectives**

- Identify what they want and need in a rental unit.
- Identify resources to help locate potential rental properties.
- Learn strategies for comparing and inspecting rental units.
- Increase readiness and confidence in securing rental property.





Determining your Housing Needs

What features are must
-haves and what are
conveniences you can
live without?

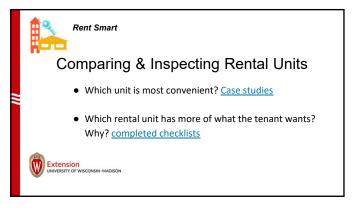
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# How to Locate Affordable Rental Housing

- Local list or speaker on affordable housing resources
  - How have you (personally) found housing in the past?



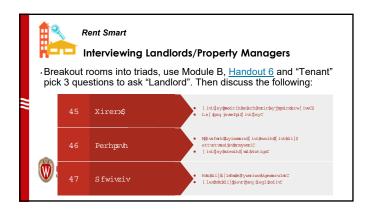


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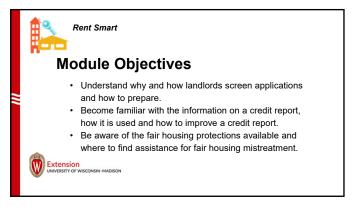
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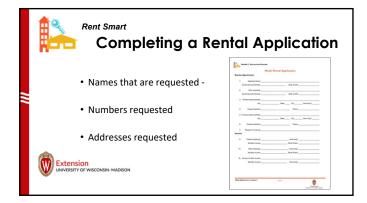


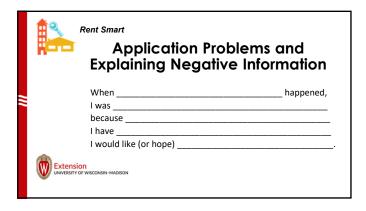


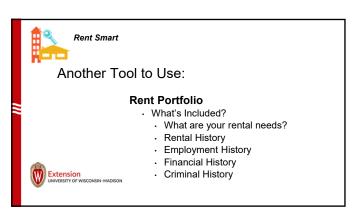


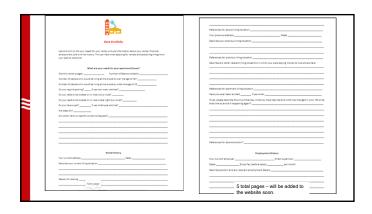




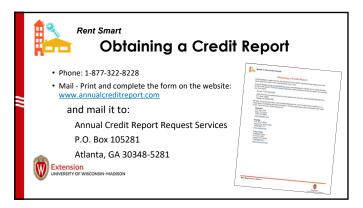


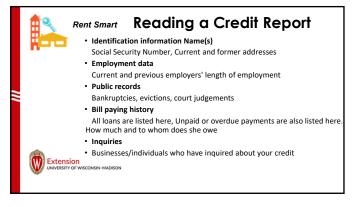


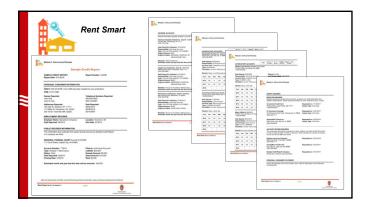




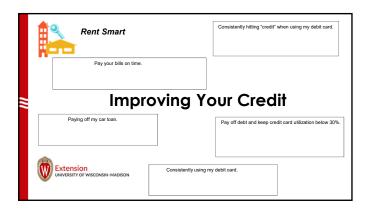


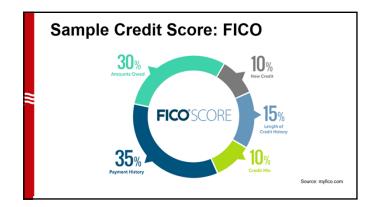








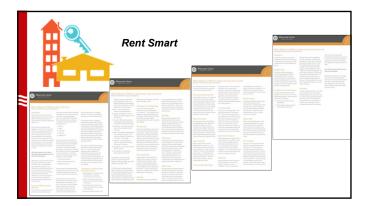


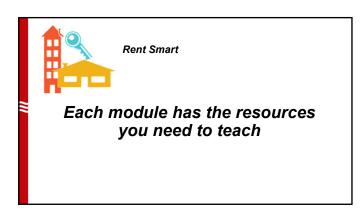




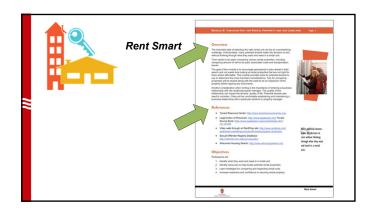


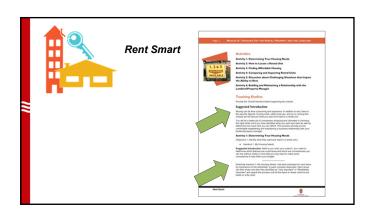






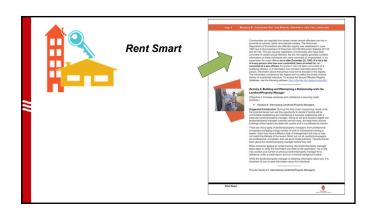


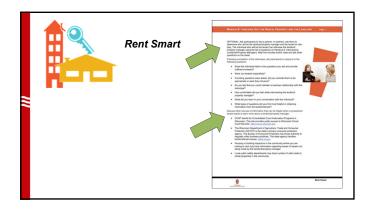


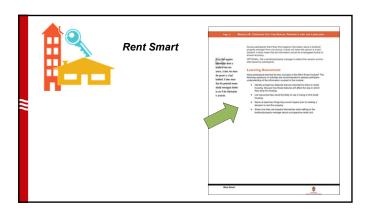






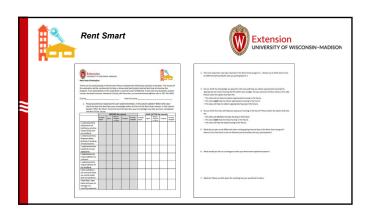


















## Tips and Tricks

- Printed Participant Book
- Lamination
- Free Tools\*

\* Red Folder, Notebook and Pen were ordered from 4imprint.com but you can use many vendors that personalize tools.









### **Module Objectives**

- Understand tenant responsibilities and those of landlords for repairs and upkeep.
- · Learn ways to protect their property and security deposit.
- Gain an increased appreciation of the financial and personal value of caring for rental living spaces.





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- Think about a time when a client had something in their home that was broken or didn't work.
  - Who was responsible?
  - · How did they get it fixed?
  - What challenges, if any, did they face in resolving the situation?
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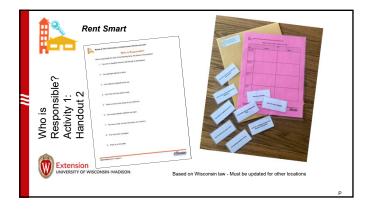
## Keys to Determining Responsibilities

- Rental agreement terms
- Check-in forms
- Government regulations
- Common practice



Based on Wisconsin law - Must be updated for other location:







## What to do if your landlord won't respond

- Judicare serves 33 counties in N. WI: http://www.judicare.org/
- WI Free Legal Answers: https://wi.freelegalanswers.org/
- Legal Action of WI serves southern WI: <u>https://www.legalaction.org/</u>
- Contact your local health dept. or building inspector



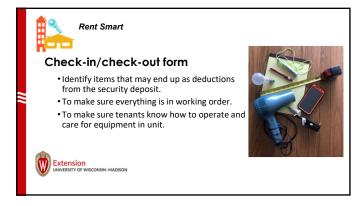


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### File a Complaint with DATCP

- Go to <a href="http://datcp.wi.gov">http://datcp.wi.gov</a> and type Landlord Complaint in the search bar
- · Complete the online form
- · A mediator will be assigned to your case
- It may take up to 90 days to complete the complaint and mediation process











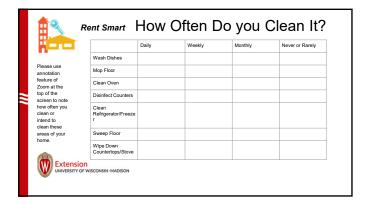






#### What happens when you don't care for your living space?

- Increased chance of sickness and injuries
- Increased wear and tear to the rental unit
- Deductions from security deposits
- Move-out cleaning will be much harder
- Trouble with bugs and rodents
- More danger of fire
- Spend more time looking for
- Embarrassed to bring friendsCould be grounds for eviction



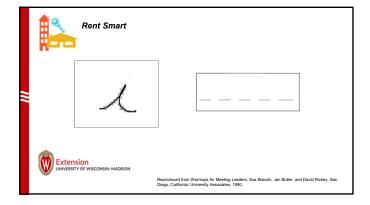


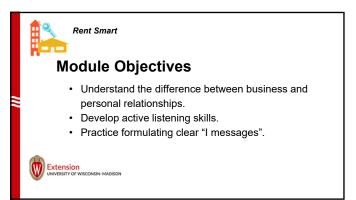
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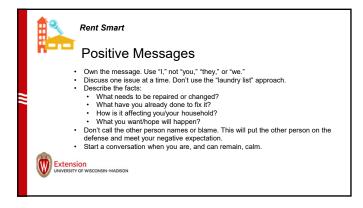




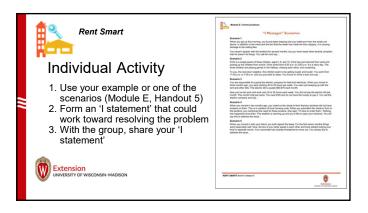


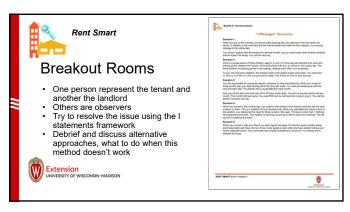


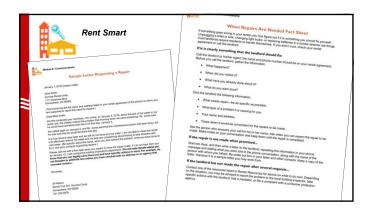
















### **Module Objectives:**

- Increase ability to read and understand a rental agreement.
- Gain knowledge of legal procedures related to rental agreements.
- Understand procedures to follow when ending a rental agreement.





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### Ice Breaker Activity

Questions from the Module F Pre-Class Poll

- True or False? A verbal rental agreement is legal in Wisconsin.
- True or False? A security deposit can always be used as a payment for your last month's rent.
- True or False? An eviction will be recorded on your credit report but does not show up as a legal record.



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### **Rental Agreements**

- Spoken  $\underline{\textit{or}}$  written  $\underline{\textit{LEGAL}}$  contract in Wisconsin
- Outlines the term of the agreement what the landlord expects of the tenant and what the tenant expects of the landlord
- Important to read and understand





### **Advantages of a Written Rental Agreement**

- Easier to enforce if there are problems
- Avoids surprises when memories differ
- Provides a record of the conditions the landlord and tenant agreed to
- Protects tenant from changes in rent or rental conditions that occur after move-in





