



Who's Responsible for Maintenance, Repairs and Care?

Module Notes:

Tenant responsibilities for repairs and upkeep.

Landlords responsibilities for repairs and upkeep.

Check-in/check-out form.

The financial and personal value of caring for rental living spaces.

Remember:

Responsibilities are shared by the landlord and tenant and identified by different resources. Most cities have housing codes that establish minimum quality standards that landlords must meet for residential rental properties.

Keys to Determining Responsibilities

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

It is best to do the check-in with the landlord, but doing it with a witness who does not live in the apartment is also a possibility.

Questions to Consider:

- What do you look for in an inspection before moving in?
- Where should you keep the Check-In/Check-Out Rental Condition Checklist and other important rental documents?
- How will you plan the care for your living space?
- What happens if you don't care for your living space?

References and Resources:

Landlord Tenant Guide:

<http://datcp.wi.gov/uploads/Consumer/pdf/LT-LandlordTenantGuide497.pdf>

Tenant Sourcebook, Legal Action of Wisconsin:

www.legalaction.org/content/index.dfm?cm_id=83

Tenant Resource Center:

www.tenantresourcecenter.org/

Renter's Insurance:

www.practicalmoneyskills.com/personalfinance/lifeevents/renting/insurance.php

Bed Bugs in Wisconsin Questions and Answers:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p0/p00489.pdf

Lead-Safe Wisconsin:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lead/index.htm

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