



Rental Agreement Checklist

A rental agreement is a legal contract whether written or oral, between the landlord and tenant. The terms of the agreement explain what the landlord expects of the tenant and what the tenant expects of the landlord. Below are some things you should know about the terms of your rental agreement before you sign the agreement. Using the sample rental agreement/smoke detector notice, locate the answer to each question listing the line number where the information may be found on the blank preceding the questions and the answer to the question in the space following it.

- _____ 1. How long does the rental agreement last?
- _____ 2. Who can live in the apartment?
- _____ 3. If you violate any terms of lease, what happens?
- _____ 4. How much is the rent?
- _____ 5. When is the rent due?
- _____ 6. Is there a penalty for late payment?
- _____ 7. Where do you pay your rent?
- _____ 8. To whom do you pay your rent?
- _____ 9. Which utilities must you pay?
- _____ 10. Are there any payments you must make in addition to the rent, such as security deposit, parking, or utilities?
- _____ 11. When can the rent be increased?
- _____ 12. What happens if you need to move out before your rental agreement ends?
- _____ 13. Are pets permitted?
- _____ 14. Are you responsible for any maintenance and repairs?
- _____ 15. To whom do you report problems? (You should have a name, telephone number, and address.)
- _____ 16. Who is responsible for making sure the smoke detectors/carbon monoxide detectors in the apartment work?
- _____ 17. When can the landlord enter the apartment?

