



Apartment Hunting Checklist



Money Matters

- Within Budget
 - o Security Deposit
 - o Broker's Fee
- Additional Costs
 - o Utility Costs
 - o Furnishing Costs

Location

- Okay distance from campus?
- Okay distance to transportation?
- Okay distance to groceries/restaurants?
- Okay floor of building?
- Okay neighborhood/neighbors?
- Accessibility?
- Parking?

Management

- Contact
 - o Phone
 - o E-mail
 - o On-call hours
- Reviews
 - o Websites
 - o From former tenants
 - o From current tenants

Property

- Security
 - o Main entrance secure
 - o Windows secure
 - o Doors secure
 - o Acceptable lightning
 - o Two Ways Out
- Living Conditions
 - o Water
 - o Heat
 - o Ventilation
 - o Circuit Breakers
 - o Smoke Detectors
 - o Pest Free
 - o Garbage Collection Site
 - o Clean and Sanitary
- Other
 - o Mailbox?
 - o Storage space?
 - o Laundry available?

Lease ([Visit Our Guide](#))

- Subleasing
- Pets
- Smoking
- Guests

General Tips and Guidelines

- Make sure to stay in budget and watch out for additional costs and fees
- Specify how utilities are billed (hot water, gas, electricity) and if they are included
- Inspect building outside of unit including roof, walls, doors, windows, staircases, sidewalks, garbage, etc.
- Review general statistics such as age of unit, traffic flow, crimes in area, etc.
- Know process of how to report property issues and contact [City of Boston](#) if needed
- Water must heat to at least 120 F and have sufficient amount for entire building if common source
- Heating must be at least 68 F during days and 64 F during nights between September 15 to June 15
- Management is responsible for extermination of pests in buildings containing two or more units