



## LifeSmarts U Health and Safety Lesson Apartment Safety: Checking It Out Activity

Moving away from home and into an apartment is exciting and a big step to becoming a responsible adult. This independence calls for applying real-life knowledge about safety and security to choosing a safe, secure first apartment. Before signing a rental agreement, it is important to check for safety and security in the surrounding area, the apartment building, and the apartment itself.

### Directions:

Using the form below, create a checklist of the important safety and security features to look for before you sign a rental agreement. After listing each item on your chart describe the safety or security features you are looking for.

### The Apartment Building and Common Areas

**Example:** SECURITY LIGHTING at the building entrances should be adequate to safely enter the building and the apartment

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### The Grounds and Common Areas

**Example:** SECURITY CAMERAS in strategic locations. Also, ask if they are live and how long the recordings are saved

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### The Apartment

**Example:** CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS since CO cannot be seen, smelled, or tasted CO, it is important to have a warning system

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