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same hassles you are now facing.



Tips to make your apartment days easier

Finding an apartment might have been fun, but moving in usually tops it.

Before you unload boxes of unknown stuff from the trunk of your car, take a good look around the apartment (preferably with the landlord present). Notice any broken or damaged objects and get an assurance that they will be promptly fixed. Getting all of this in writing is the best way to keep you and your roommates from getting blamed for damage you did not inflict.

Also keep an eye for unexpected roommates such as roaches, mice, and rats. Small problems can be combated with pesticides or traps that you can get from the supermarket or hardware store. Bigger problems require an exterminator's help.

Remember that in addition to making the tenant to pay rent and keep the premises in a clean and livable condition, North Carolina law also requires the landlord "to provide fit premises," which as defined as compliance "with the current applicable building and housing codes." If problems arise that are not the tenants' fault, then it's up to the landlord to remedy them.

¹Once you're settled in, keep in regular contact with your landlord and tell them what's up (are repairs needed, will the rent be a day late this month, etc.). Don't get into an adversarial relationship unless its required; most landlords are sincere, keep up the property and charge reasonable rents.

Getting adjusted to new roommates is also a challenge. Try to find out their habits early to prevent unnecessary embarrassment (don't play loud music Tuesday night if one of your roommates has a killer 7:50 class). If you want to share food, talk about the terms of that relationship and try to arrange meal times when all of you will be home. Work together and you're apartment-dwelling days will be alots smoother.







Reading the lease now could prevent trouble in the future

You may have just found the perfect place to live, but it's in your best interest to study the lease before you sign on the dotted line

A lease is a legally binding contract between the tenant and the landlord in which both parties agree to the terms of your tenancy during the given time period, which is generally nine months or one year. Some landlords use unwritten tenancy agreements, which means that you can move out anytime after giving seven days written notice from the first of the month. But this also means that the landlord has the right to terminate your tenancy or raise the rent under the same guidelines.

Although a lease can be pretty confusing, here are some things to look for:

. When is the rent due, and if you don't have it on time, is there a grace period or penalty? Are any deposits or fees re-quired, and if they are, what are the terms for getting a refund?

· Do your roommates have to be approved by the landlord? Is the rent dependent on the number of tenants? If you are allowed to have guests, how long can they stay before being considered tenants? Can you sublet, and is there an additional charge?

· Who can come into your apartment or house, and under what conditions are inspections made? Who is responsible for cleaning, maintenance, and lawn work? What kind of alterations are you allowed to make to the property (anything from hanging a poster to painting a room).

One important thing to do when renting to have good records. Keep your canceled rent checks or be sure to get receipts if you pay in cash. If you write a letter to your lanellord about a problem in the apartment, tuck a copy in your files. Same thing applies if the both of you decide on a change in the lease. Don't rely on verbal agreements; get it in writing.

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At first glance, most leases appear pretty one sided - and it's not the tenant's side. The document appears to be filled with the tenant's obligations while the landlord appears to have no responsibilities short of providing you a place to live.

The truth is that state and municipal laws ensure that the landlord will provide you with quality services. But you must fully understand your rights as a tenant to properly receive every thing due you.

Student Legal Services, which located near the Student Government office on the fourth floor of the Student Center, has trained attorneys who know the ins and outs of North Carolina statutes pertaining to the landlord-tenant relationship. The service is free, even if the lawyers have to represent you in court, but you must make an appointment in advance.

The golden rule of apartment hunting is this: A lease is like any legal document. You shouldn't sign it if you don't understand it.

Attorneys with Student Legal Services plan to hold a workshop on landlord-tenant problems during mid-March which will discuss all phases of securing an



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