

20 Questions to Ask About Housing

When you are looking at a house or apartment that you might like to live in on your own or with a roommate, the answers to these questions might help you decide if you want to live there.

1. Is the house or apartment in a neighborhood that feels safe and I'm comfortable when I walk around?
 Yes No
2. Is the house or apartment close to stores, banks, places to eat?
 Yes No
3. Is the house or apartment close to public transportation such as a bus stop?
 Yes No
4. Will I be able to get to work or school from here?
 Yes No
5. Is the house or apartment clean and well maintained inside and out?
 Yes No
6. Is there good working heat and air conditioning?
 Yes No
7. Do the bathrooms work well? Are they easy to get to?
 Yes No
8. Is the kitchen set up so I can use it?
 Yes No
9. Are there laundry facilities in the house, apartment or apartment building?
 Yes No
10. Will I have my own telephone line?
 Yes No

11. Can I get my own mailbox?
 Yes No
12. Is there staff on-site or the landlord nearby that I can ask for help if I have a problem?
 Yes No
13. Are the neighbors friendly and supportive?
 Yes No
14. Are there things to do at the house or apartment for fun and exercise?
 Yes No
15. Is the building accessible for me? Is there an entrance I can get in no matter what the weather or my ability to move around?
 Yes No
16. Can I get into the laundry room, where the garbage goes, the pool or exercise room if they have one?
 Yes No
17. Is the rent in my price range? Can I afford to live here?
 Yes No
18. Is there a deadbolt on the lock on the front door?
 Yes No
19. If there are other people in the house, is there a lock on the bedroom door? Would I have enough privacy?
 Yes No
20. Did I see a list of all the extra fees (deposits, cost for pets, cost for parking, etc?)
 Yes No