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# APARTMENT SAFETY CHECKLIST

Please use this checklist as a guide to investigate your prospective apartment complex for potential safety problems.

## **OUR BUILDING AND NEIGHBORS**

**YES NO**

There is a monitoring system for who enters and leaves the property

All walkways, parking areas, hallways, stairwells, and elevators are properly and sufficiently lighted, 24 hours a day

Mailroom and laundry room are well-lighted and monitored with video surveillance

Complex has 24-hour security patrolling the property

Security randomizes their patrol times

Landlord or building manager tightly controls all keys

The property has a written policy on evicting tenants who engage in criminal activity

The fire stairs are locked from the stairwell (inside) so you can exit but no one can enter

## **EXTERIOR DOORS AND WINDOWS**

**YES NO**

Front door has at least two locks

Front door has deadbolt lock

Front door includes a wide-angle peephole that has clear visualization of outside

Doors are solid hardwood or metal-clad



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If doors contain glass, it is reinforced to prevent shattering	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alarm is properly connected to all doors leading to the outside	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lock on sliding door is not easily opened when door is pulled with force	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sliding glass door has a wooden rod in the track so it cannot be opened, and has pins in the overhead frame so it cannot be lifted out	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Windows include working lock mechanism	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alarm is properly connected to all windows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Any windows near a door are far enough away to prevent an intruder from breaking the glass and reaching in to open door	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b><u>OUTDOORS</u></b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Security cameras are properly installed to maintain sufficient visualization of entire property at all times	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bushes, shrubs, and trees are properly trimmed and maintained to prevent a criminal from hiding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All outdoor areas are sufficiently lit with proper lighting equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parking areas are close enough to residence to avoid long walks at night	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bright lights properly installed outside each apartment so visitors can be easily and clearly seen	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Emergency kiosks are in proper working order	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sheds, storage units, and garage doors are all locked with high security padlocks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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