

APARTMENT HUNTING 101

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO TODAY

- Talk about the process for finding an apartment next year
- How to approach an agent or landlord
- What to look for in an apartment
- What to look OUT for in an apartment
- Demystify the lease
- What happens after you sign



FIRST STEPS

- What is important to you in an apartment?
 - Size
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 - Location
 - Proximity
 - Parking
 - Pets
 - Duration of Lease

CIA APARTMENTS

- SINGLES, DOUBLES AND TRIPLES
- Close to campus
- 10 and 12 month leases
- You can pay through your bill
- All inclusive and furnished
- **OPEN HOUSE**
March 6th – 7-8pm



HOW DO I START A SEARCH?

- Newspaper
- Craigslist
- Little Italy listing (in the parish office)
- ALOHA site (refer to CIA.edu)
- Hit the streets



MEETING THE LANDLORD

- Make an appointment
- Prepare some questions
- Go with someone
- Take notes
- Bills, Bugs, and Building maintenance



THINGS TO ASK..

- Rent.. And when is it due?
- What utilities are included?
- How much are the utilities that are not?
- Regular exterminating?
- Lease terms (9,10,12 months)
- Restrictions on guests?
- # of occupants?
- Who do I call in an emergency?
- What if I lose my key?
- What are requirements for a full refund of my security deposit?

WHAT AM I LOOKING OUT FOR?

- Is it clean?
- Is it well maintained?
- Open cabinets (Look for critters)
- # of outlets
- Does hot water start right away?
- How available is the landlord/super?





- Pets?
- Security?
- Proper trash containers.
- Water damage
- Are the appliances in good shape
- Carpeting



THE LEASE

- Legal Document outlining you and your landlord obligations.
- It protects you and your landlord
- Defines length and terms.
- Make sure ALL TENANTS are on it
- If broken, the lease is no longer binding and offenders may be subject to legal action.
- You will need to pay..

- READ IT
- Have someone look it over who is not involved.
- Now is the time to ask for clarification and/or revisions.



OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Furniture
- Kitchen STUFF
- Bathroom Stuff
- Painting
- Parking



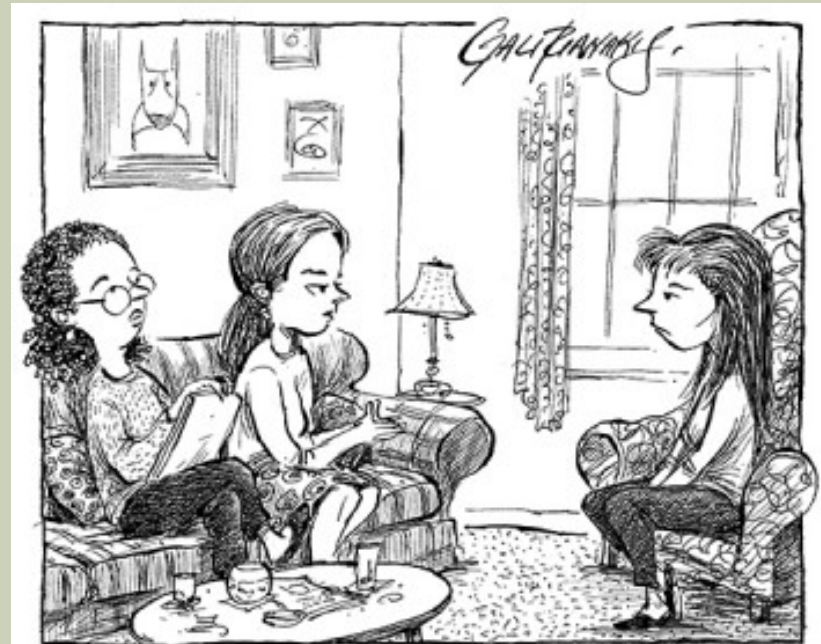
WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU SIGN THE LEASE?



- Plan
- Schedule a move in date
- Schedule a walkthrough prior
- Lock changes and when do you get your keys?
- Turning on utilities
- Who is going to help
- **RENTERS INSURANCE**

ONE LAST THING...ROOMMATES

- Select with care
- Make sure that they are all on the lease
- It is a partnership and a relationship that needs to be fostered...and respected.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR SOMEONE WHO'S BROKE, LEAVES HER DISHES IN THE SINK AND BORROWS STUFF WITHOUT ASKING. IF YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND WHO STAYS OVER ALL THE TIME, THAT WOULD BE IDEAL.

QUESTIONS?

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