

QUESTIONS TO ASK WHEN CHECKING OUT A POTENTIAL LIVING SPACE

Rules and Costs:

- What's your application process and screening criteria?
- When is the unit/room available?
- How many people will be living in the space? How many bathrooms are there?
- What is the security deposit?
- Is there laundry in the unit, on site, or is a laundromat nearby and what are the associated costs?
- What's your pet policy and do you require a pet fee or deposit?
- What's your guest policy?
- What internet services are available and approximately how much will it cost?
- Does the rent include any or all utilities?What is the average cost for utilities?

Physical Concerns:

- Do the appliances (heat, AC, strove, refrigeration, oven, dishwasher, garbage disposal) function properly?
- Is there enough storage?
- Are there damages to the walls?
- Do all the locks work properly?
- Do downstairs windows lock?
- Are there any leaks near faucets?
- Is there mold or water damage on the ceilings, walls, or floor?
- Can you fit furniture through the doors or up the stairs around corners?
- Are there smoke and carbon monoxide detectors throughout the apartment?

Environment:

- What is the outside noise level?
- Can you hear neighbors? Barking?
- Is it close enough to public transportation?
- Are you near a grocery, market, or corner store?
- What is the parking situation?