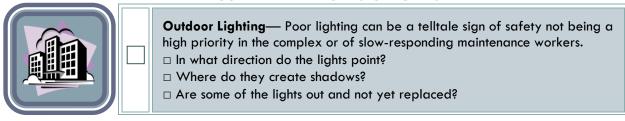
## **APARTMENT FEATURE CHECKLIST**

	<b>General</b> —Write down the property name, contact person and phone number, and the monthly rent. Keep your overall budget in mind.
	<b>Condition</b> —Note the condition of the property (clean, dirty, smelly, brand new, old).
	Locks—  □ Deadbolts or chains on doors? □ Locks on bedroom doors? □ How often are locks changed?
	Windows—  □ Are windows secured? □ Not blocked by trees and shrubs?
	Fire Safety—Fire alarms and smoke detectors:  □ Do they have them? □ Are the batteries new? □ How often are the batteries changed? □ Do they perform random testing?
	Secured Entry/Exit—  □ Security guard? □ Security gate? □ Keyless entry?
	<b>Appeal</b> —Record any extra details of the place you feel are important in making your decision (e.g., "paint chipping" or "great views").
	<b>Utilities</b> —Some apartments may include (pay for) all utilities, partial utilities, or none at all. Ask specifically which utilities you are responsible for paying and how much they run per month. Ask to see one year's utility bills.
	<b>Parking</b> —The apartment complex may have underground or garage parking, driveway, street, or no parking available. Ask which options are available and how much the cost is per month, if any. Keep in mind safety issues with street parking, such as break-ins, vandalism, and tows. With garages, check for intercoms, emergency buttons, proper lighting, and clear lines of sight.
	<b>Laundry</b> —Ask the leasing agent if laundry units are provided in-unit, on each floor, in the basement, or off-site (e.g., Laundromats). If washers and dryers are not in the unit, are they located in a well-traveled area or down a dark hallway?

## APARTMENT COMPLEX FEATURES CHECKLIST



Entry/Exit—Questions to consider:    Is there a code?   How often is it changed?   Is there a guard?   Guest passes?   If there are gate openers issued, how many to each apartment?   What nonresidents have access to the gate and apartments (maintenance, tow-truck drivers, utility workers, former residents)?
Landscaping—  □ Does the complex put effort into its curb appeal?  □ Fresh flowers and/or manicured lawns?  □ Or are overgrown shrubs blocking windows and doors?
Curb Appeal—    Is the property well-maintained?   Paved roads?   Cracks in sidewalk?   Broken steps?   Fresh paint?   Old?   Modern?

## **NEIGHBORHOOD FEATURES CHECKLIST**

	,	Illowing businesses and agencies nearby is helpful for economic reasons. Are you close to:
		not to let the glitz and glam sell you on your place. breakers in narrowing down your options. complex have a gym?

□ Dry cleaning service?

□ Concierge?
Safety—Is there a Neighborhood Watch program? (If not, you could start one!)  □ Are there neighborhood or complex events to meet neighbors?  □ Does the community fit your personality?  □ Is it walkable?  □ Near a park?  □ Offer plenty of night life?
<b>Public Transportation</b> —If you don't have a vehicle or are choosing to rely on public transportation for getting around town, look up routes, schedules, and stops. Map out the routes between the complex and work, campus, shopping centers, and restaurants. Are stops well-lighted? Are routes safe and well-traveled?