

Before You Sign A Lease

A lease is a **BINDING CONTRACT**, so be sure you understand your rights and obligations **BEFORE** you sign.

Questions to ask a property manager:

- What length lease is available? (monthly, 6 months, 1 year, 2 years)
- Is subletting allowed and what are the rules?
- Exactly when is the apartment available for you to move in?
- Will you be able to see the specific apartment prior to signing the lease?
- What utilities are included in your rent?
- How much of a security deposit is required?
- Will your credit be subject to a credit check? Will I need a co-signer?
- Is there a penalty for a late payment?
- Are there penalties if you terminate the lease early?
- Are there pet restrictions?
- Are there rules about painting or hanging pictures?
- Is there extra storage available for bikes and large objects?
- Are there special hours or special rules for moving in?
- Are there laundry facilities on the premises?
- Is parking available?
- How are maintenance issues handled?