

STEPS TO HELP YOU SECURE YOUR RENTAL!

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KNOW WHAT YOU CAN AFFORD

Be realistic and keep track of other expenses to make sure you find the right fit!

If more than 30% of your income goes towards rent, you may want to consider a roommate.



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KNOW WHAT TO ASK A POTENTIAL LANDLORD

Communicate clearly with your landlord and make a good first impression — remember that there might be other applicants. Ask relevant questions to ensure that this is a rental space you want to pursue!

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WRITE A GREAT APPLICATION LETTER

Write the landlord a few short paragraphs about who you are, what you do for a living and perhaps the reason for your move. Give a brief rundown of your rental history, and make sure to mention any special circumstances such as pets. Tailor each cover letter to mention features of the property that appealed to you.



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HAVE RENTAL REFERENCES AND DOCUMENTS READY

It doesn't hurt to have references from former landlords, co-workers, employers or former neighbors. References can vouch that you're responsible and won't be a headache for your landlord or the other tenants.



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COMPLETE THE RENTAL APPLICATION

The more details you can provide, the better. This includes copies of all your identification documents, proof of income, pay history and proof of employment.



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BE HONEST

Avoid hiding any information that you think would be of interest to your landlord. Examples of this would be pets, credit history, any prior evictions, etc. Be upfront and explain any situations that need to be addressed!



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FOLLOW UP

After you've paid for and submitted your application, follow up with the property manager or landlord with a brief thank you email to set yourself apart — avoid coming off as impatient or pushy!



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TAKE CARE OF ANY DEBT FROM PREVIOUS HOUSING

If you have any outstanding balances for utilities or unpaid rent at previous rental properties, potential landlords and property managers will be able to see that. Before you apply for a new rental unit, try to make sure any outstanding balances from past living arrangements have been paid!

*Bring a copy of your income tax returns to prove income history, a copy of your latest pay stubs, and a copy of your bank statements, especially if you're a first time renter and have no rental history.

