

# OFF- CAMPUS HOUSING GUIDE

FOR NEW STUDENTS MOVING  
TO PRINCE GEORGE, BC

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Buses numbered 15 & 16 come to UNBC. BC Transit's **Trip Planner** is a great tool to help you find out which bus route to take to get you where you need to go.

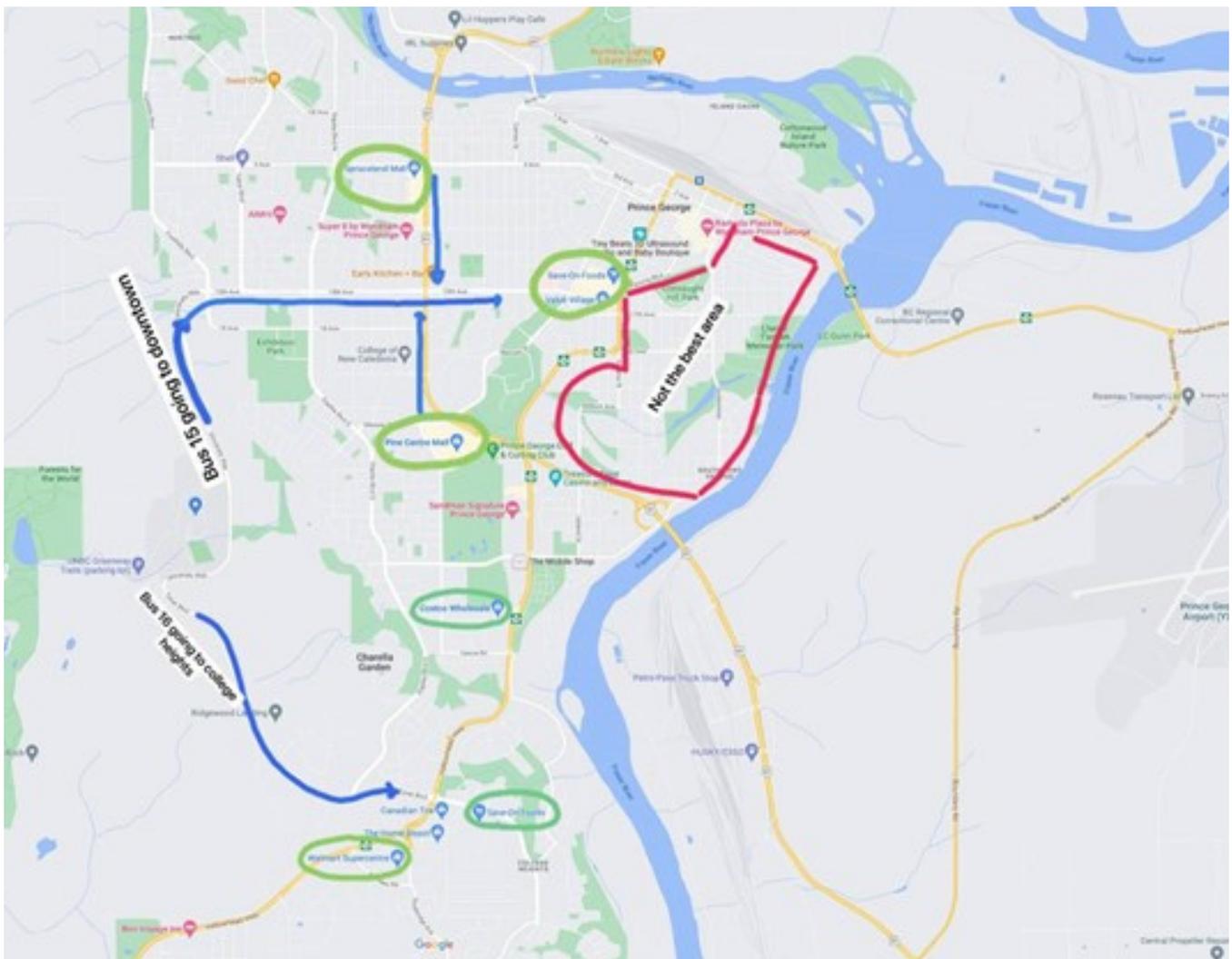
**Click here** for bus schedules and maps, or download the PG-Transit mobile app.

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## PRINCE GEORGE MAP

## General tips:

- The green areas highlighted are good residential areas.
- 15th Ave and Tyner Boulevard have direct buses to UNBC and generally have more regular bus hours than other areas in Prince George.
- Downtown is okay, however, there are higher crime and homelessness rates in this area and it can be unsafe, especially during the night. The crime rate in Prince George is nothing compared to big cities like Tehran, so don't worry too much. Additionally, it is more industrial than residential.



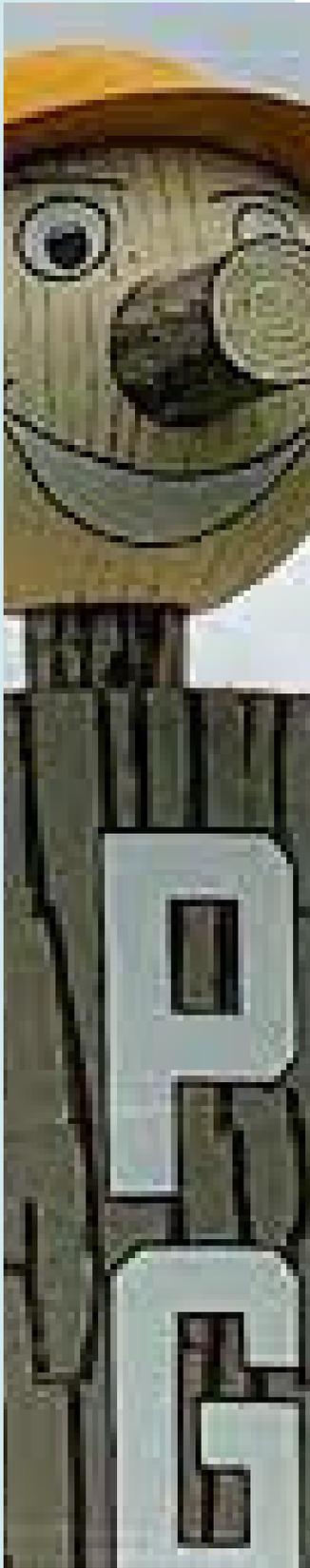
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## NEIGHBOURHOODS IN PRINCE GEORGE

***MOVE UP PRINCE GEORGE** has an incredible listing of each area of Prince George with specific benefits around each neighbourhood. We recommend you review their site to gather more information on each neighbourhood.*

### Where to Search for Housing in Prince George - Apartments, Houses or Rooms

- **Kijiji** Prince George
- Facebook Marketplace for housing and roommates (Ps: Not accessible through Iran proxy)
- Facebook groups (Search Prince George rentals or Prince George roommate) The best one is UNBC/CNC Off campus.
- **Kelson** for Apartments
- **MCC Legacy** (can email [rentals@mcclegacy.ca](mailto:rentals@mcclegacy.ca))



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## WHERE TO SEARCH FOR HOUSING IN PRINCE GEORGE - APARTMENTS, HOUSES OR ROOMS (CONTINUED)

- **Tiffany Place**
- **Century 21 Management**
- **Veda** (1-person bachelor suite)
  - Veda Review: It's good for a single student, the facilities are great, but it's a suite and small. It is close to downtown and there are always homeless people roaming around. If the place of study or employment is close to it, it is justified, otherwise, there are other good places in the city. Also, you have the kitchen and bedroom in the same place.
- **Nest Prince George**
- **UNBC Dormitory** (only for single students)
- **RentinPG.ca**
  - Numerous furnished accommodations with short & long-term options
- **Village & Pine Glen** (1-2-3-bedroom apartments)
- **Lakewood Manor Apartments**
- **Westridge Apartments**



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## RENTAL AGENCY PHONE NUMBERS:

### REQUIREMENTS USUALLY ASKED BY LANDLORDS AND TENANTS:

- PET FREE
- SMOKE-FREE
- NUMBER OF RESIDENTS/CHILDREN
- PARKING LOT
- CONTRACT LENGTH
- DOWN PAYMENT AMOUNT
- UTILITIES INCLUDED/NOT INCLUDED (ELECTRICITY & INTERNET, WATER IS ALWAYS INCLUDED)

(250) 561-1823 - April & Queenie - Building manager  
**rentals@mcclegacy.ca**

Park Village/Pine Glen/Briarwood/Summit/West  
 Austin/Hardwood, 125 N Ospika Blvd, Prince George BC  
<https://www.facebook.com/legacypropertiespg/>  
<http://www.legacyapartments.ca/>

(250) 561-9353 - Caitlyn- Building Manager - Kelson Court

(250) 277-3508 - Steven from Kelson Group (many apartments)

(250) 614- 0096 - Landlord - Adriano Spoletini (has many apartments)

(250) 617-7195 (Landlord - Chantel Deizs - (she has many apartments in the downtown area and other contacts as well that she can guide people to find another place.)



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## TIPS ON SENDING MESSAGES TO THE PLACES THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED (ON FACEBOOK, KIJJI ETC.):

### Have a complete Facebook profile

- Picture (They might not respond to you if you have a random picture of a flower)
- A bio of you (showing that you are CNC or UNBC student)
- Note: A recently made Facebook account (Joined Facebook a week or 2) is a red flag since most scammers make a new Facebook account and delete when it they are done.

### Write a decent first message (First impression matters)

- Have a friendly tone in your messages and describe who you are (Include an About me Section)! If you write your bio like a robot or if they sense that your English is not at a decent level, (as a landlord) they would rather give their place to a person that can communicate better.
- Show that you are friendly and easy to communicate with.

### Email/ text message samples to send to the landlord

Sample 1:

Hi NAME!

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I'm a 2nd-year UNBC student, studying in the \_\_\_\_\_ program.

I already love your place! All the flowers and plants stole my heart! I don't smoke or party, I am quiet and respectful of the rules (whatever they may be), and I am easy to communicate with. You let me know what worries you and we can sit down and talk about it! I can provide references from my previous landlords as well! My email is \_\_\_\_\_ so we can chat in more depth and you can let me know of any specific information or expectation you have!

Please message me when you got a chance

Regards,

YOUR NAME

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## TIPS ON SENDING MESSAGES TO THE PLACES THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED (ON FACEBOOK, KIJJI ETC.):

### Sample 2:

I'm in my last year at UNBC! When I'm not studying or working, I'm usually outside. I enjoy hanging out with friends but also value my downtime. If you're interested, please get in touch :)

### Sample 3:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_, and I will be finishing my Kinesiology Degree at UBC this June. I will be starting UNBC's Masters of Physical Therapy program in late August. I am looking for accommodation for 26 months starting in middle/late August. I am a quiet person who will spend most of my time on campus. I enjoy mountain biking, volleyball, and spending time outdoors. Most of my free time, however, will be dedicated to my studies. I do not smoke and have no pets. I can provide references if need be. Feel free to message me with any options!

### Roommate Flyer: What to write in your email/ Facebook ad

General tip:

Have a friendly tone in your messages and describe who you are (Include an About me Section)! If you write your bio like a robot or if they sense that your English is not at a decent level, (as a landlord) they would probably rather give their place to a person that can communicate with me better. (So, show that you are friendly and easy to communicate with)

(Let's review some examples on the next page)

# 09 TIPS ON CREATING A ROOMMATE FLYER/AD

## Sample 1

Hello! My name is ----- and I am a fourth-year undergraduate student at UNBC looking for housing starting in September 2022 and ending in April 2023.

I am studying community, population, and environmental health and remain busy and involved in the community throughout the year. I am looking for rent on a student-friendly budget. I am a quiet, clean, non-smoker looking to find accommodations and/or a roommate that matches these qualities. I am typically gone on weekends and am originally from Vanderhoof.

I am also interested in living with a senior citizen that might enjoy the companionship of having someone else around. I can provide a criminal record check and references, and I would be happy to provide you with more information about myself!

If you have or know someone who has an accommodation that matches the above, I would greatly appreciate any recommendations! Thank you!

## Sample 2

Hello!

My fiancé (soon-to-be husband) and I are hoping to move from the Okanagan to Prince George on August 15th.

I am 28 years old and will be attending the Physiotherapy program at UNBC while my fiancé (32 years old) has full-time employment with the government.

We are looking for a long-term rental while I am in school (2 years). Our budget is \$1400 (we are providing our own internet) and has tenant insurance. Something near the university would be ideal! We are hoping to find a 1-2-bedroom place with a bit of yard space and some storage if possible. Since my fiancé works shift work, an upper-level suite OR ground-level suite with soundproofing is preferred.

Neither of us smokes or parties, we are quiet and like to keep to ourselves. We live healthy and active lifestyles and enjoy various outdoor activities including hiking, camping and fishing. This is also our second-year gardening! 😊

We have a small, senior dog (14) who is well-behaved and trained. We can provide references from current/previous landlords- who would be happy to vouch for us as tenants and pet owners- and we are fully prepared to pay a pet and damage deposit.

If you or someone you know has something available and we sound like a good match, we would love to hear back from you.

Thank you,

NAME & NAME

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# UNBC RESIDENCE (DORM)

[HTTPS://WWW2.UNBC.CA/HOUSING](https://www2.unbc.ca/housing)



## **Summary:**

- Fee for graduate students and more than 60 credit students: CA \$2,601.50 (calculated in 2022)
- Fee for undergraduates with less than 60 credits with 7 days meal plan is approximately= \$5263.5 per semester
- CA \$2,601.50 + Mandatory Meal plan (which there are 2 options: either 5 days meal plan or 7 days meal plan)
- 7-DAY MEAL PLAN: (PER SEMESTER): CA \$2662 (2022)
- 5-DAY MEAL PLAN: (PER SEMESTER): CA \$2375 (2022)

## **Housing & Residence Life Application Fee & Room Deposit**

- A non-refundable Housing Application Fee of \$25.50 is required to complete your application. After the deadlines listed below, the Application Fee is \$150.00.
- Housing Applications for the September Only (Sept-Dec) OR the Academic Year (Sept-Apr) semesters are due by July 1\*.
- Housing Applications for the January Only (Jan-Apr) semester are due by December 1\*.
- Housing Applications for the May semester (May-August) are due April 1\*.
- Housing applications for the Spring Intersession (May & June) are due April 1\*.
- Housing applications for the Summer Intersession (July & August) are due June 1\*.
- To receive a Housing Offer, the student shall pay UNBC the sum of \$250.00 as a Residence Room Deposit.

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### *Housing & Residence Life Refund Policy*

- If the student decides not to attend UNBC and/or no longer requires a room, the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life at **housing@unbc.ca** from their UNBC student email account before August 1 if they applied for the September ONLY (Sept-Dec) or Academic Year (Sept-Apr) semesters. For applicants applying to the January ONLY semester (Jan-Apr), the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life before December 1. For applicants applying to the May/Spring semesters (May-Aug/May & June), the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life before April 1. For applicants applying to the Summer Intersession (July & Aug), the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life before June 1. Upon written notification from the student, UNBC will return the student's Residence Room Deposit.
- After the cancellation deadlines listed above, should a student decide that they no longer require a room, the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life at **housing@unbc.ca** from their UNBC student email account to officially cancel their Housing Application. The student will forfeit their Residence Room Deposit in this instance.
- After Move-In day and/or upon occupying the room, should the student decide not to attend UNBC and/or no longer requires a room, the student must inform UNBC Housing and Residence Life by submitting the Notification of Intent to Move Out form. Upon submission of the **Notification of Intent to Move Out form**, the student will receive a pro-rated refund (calculated from the date notification is received plus 30 days) of their Housing and Residence Life fees paid. The student will forfeit their entire Residence Room Deposit in this instance.



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## UNBC RESIDENCE (DORM)

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### *New International Applicant Terms*

- New international students (excluding exchange students) applying to live in UNBC Residence, both Undergraduate and Graduate level, must agree to have a \$1,000 International Housing Deposit reallocated from the \$7,500 International Student Admission Deposit. The \$1,000 International Housing Deposit will be applied towards any applicable Residence Fees once the student arrives at the UNBC Residences.
- **Note:** The \$1,000 International Housing Deposit is allocated from the \$7,500 International Student Admission Deposit. No additional payment is required to cover this deposit.
- The refund policy for the \$1,000 International Housing Deposit is different than the refund policy for the \$7,500 International Student Admission Deposit.
- The International Housing Deposit amount will be refunded if new international students are denied their study permit and they cancel their reservation by emailing [housing@unbc.ca](mailto:housing@unbc.ca) from their UNBC student email account before Move-in Day. Students will have to provide official documentation from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC) indicating that their application for a Study Permit was denied. If this cancellation request is received before August 1, for September Only (Sept-Dec) and Academic Year (Sept-Apr) applicants OR December 1 (for January Only (Jan-Apr) applicants OR April 1 for May (May-Aug) and Spring (May & June) applicants OR June 1 for Summer (July & Aug), new international students are also eligible for a full refund of their Residence Room Deposit.
- After the semester deadlines but before Move-In day, new international students who are denied their study permit will be eligible to receive a refund of their International Housing Deposit with proper documentation.
- No refunds of students' Residence Room Deposit OR International Housing Deposit will be considered once a student has moved into Residence or if their application is cancelled after Move-In day, regardless of Study Permit Denial.
- After Move-In day, all students who wish to cancel their Housing will be required to complete the **Notification of Intent to Move-Out form**.
- For more information about UNBC's Refund Policy for Undergraduate and Graduate International Students, please refer to the **International Student Refunds - Policies and Information** page.



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## KNOW YOUR BUDGET

The cost of renting in Prince George can vary greatly depending on location and the rental suite's condition. Many UNBC campus students choose to live in basement suites (also called “ground floor suites”, “walk-out suites”, or “garden suites”). Basement accommodations tend to be \$50 to \$100/month cheaper than apartments.

Knowing the following points when apartment hunting is important:

- How much rent you are willing to pay
- What costs are included in the rental price
- What other costs you will need to consider

One-time costs include your security (damage) deposit (maximum of half a month's rent), and furnishings. Recurring monthly costs include rent, utilities, Internet (if not included), cable television, household purchases, renters' insurance (optional), and food. Further up-to-date information on the costs of renting can be found online. Some websites, like **Expatistan**, include estimated costs of food, gas, and housing.



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## WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A PLACE TO LIVE

Before choosing a house, it is best to know:

- How many bedrooms and bathrooms you will want (i.e., the number of tenants/roommates and whether or not you wish to share a bathroom)
- Whether or not you need a parking space (and how many parking spaces you need)
- Whether or not you wish to have laundry available in your unit, on-site, or commute to a nearby laundromat.
- It is wise to view any potential living spaces in person to assess if the listing information is accurate and if the unit meets all of your needs.

### **While viewing a place, it's a great idea to do the following:**

- Bring a cellphone/camera to take photos.
- Inquire about what utilities are included with rent if any. (i.e., water, hydro, gas, cable, internet).
- Make sure to ask the property manager/landlord about the following:
  - Their contact information for further correspondence.
  - Whom to contact in the case of an emergency?
  - If you have a pet, are they allowed?
- Check for laundry machines, or if the laundry is in the apartment building.
- Take pictures of any damages to the apartment/house.
- Check the functionality of the lights in the house.
- Check locks.
- Look for the closest fire exit and extinguishers.
- Check for heating and air-conditioning and ask about their impact on bills.

### **Requirements usually asked by landlords and tenants:**

- Pet free
- Smoke free
- Number of residents/Children
- Parking lot
- Contract length
- Down payment amount
- Utilities included/not included (electricity & internet, water is always included)

# 15 HOW TO VIEW POTENTIAL UNITS IF YOU ARE NOT IN PRINCE GEORGE

Here are some tips if you are not able to be in Prince George when looking for housing:

- Ask the landlord to have a video showing the unit (over FaceTime, Facebook Messenger, WhatsApp, etc.)
- If you know someone in Prince George, ask them to go to the place and walk you through via video call.
- If a live-video showing is not possible, ask the landlord to send a video walkthrough of the unit. This helps to better understand the size and current condition of the unit (and is a great way to avoid housing scams).

## TRANSPORT AND GROCERIES

When choosing a place to live, make sure to consider the available transit routes, especially if you don't own a car. The farther away you are from campus, the more important it may be to have access to a convenient bus route to help you get to UNBC/CNC and other important locations like a nearby grocery store.

All transportation in Prince George is official BC Transit. The transit routes cover almost the entirety of Prince George and have buses that travel most times during the day, including early morning and late night for some routes. You can find a map of all of the available routes and bus numbers on BC Transit's website [here](#).

Mobile Applications and web applications like Transit, Next Ride, and Google Maps, are useful when using Prince George's transit system to plan your bus trips.

The UNBC tuition also includes access to a U-Pass that allows students to take the bus at no additional charge. The information for UNBC's U-Pass can be found [here](#).

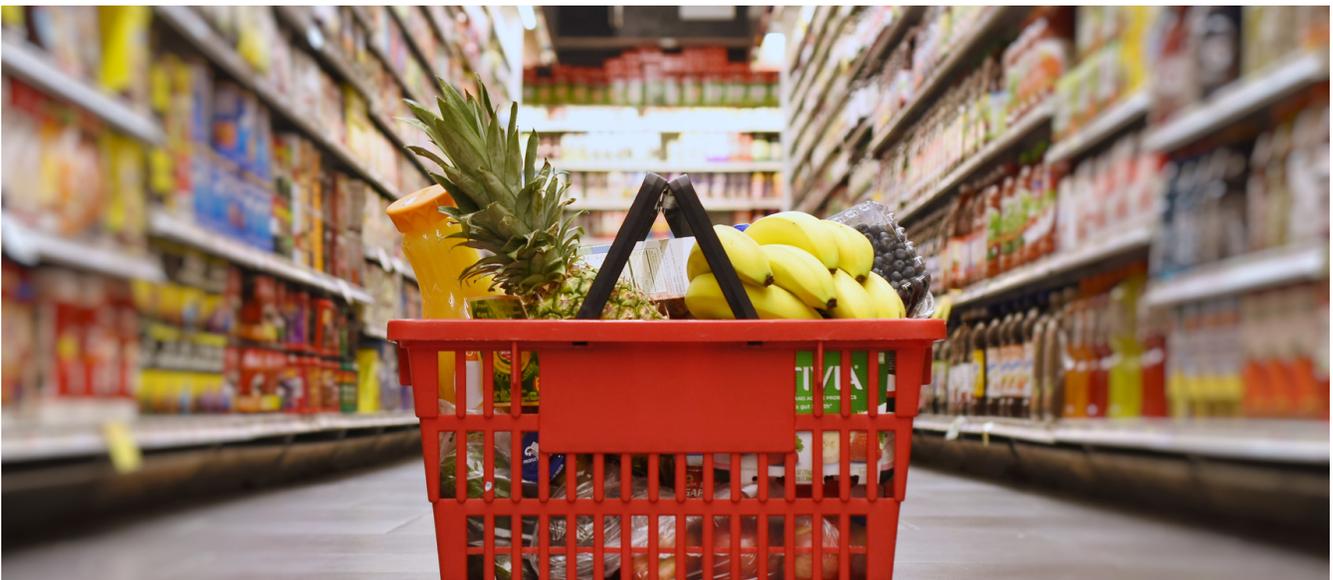
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## GROCERY STORES

Grocery stores in Prince George are in abundance. To name a few in the area, there are Real Canadian Superstores, Walmart's, Save-on-Foods, and more. Searching "grocery stores near me" in Google Maps will allow you to see grocery stores nearby your potential apartment, including some of the more unique grocery stores in the area.

Grocery Shopping:

- Walmart 6565 Southridge Ave, Prince George, BC V2N 6Z4
  - Cheapest, medium to low quality for fresh groceries, good quality for packed groceries
- Superstore 2155 Ferry Ave, Prince George, BC V2N 5E8:
  - Reasonable price, high quality (a little bit higher than Walmart)
- Costco 2555 Range Rd, Prince George, BC V2N 4G8:
  - Low-reasonable price, high quality, great for families, nonperishable items, bulk items, need a membership card
- Save on foods (Multiple locations): highest price, high quality (franchised)
- Bulk barn 6333 Southridge Ave, Prince George, BC V2N 6Z4:
  - Spices, nuts, herbal products, candy



# 17 HOUSING SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

A “scam” is a fraudulent scheme that fools people into giving away their money for nothing in return. Scams can be common when finding housing over the internet. Sites like Craigslist, Facebook and Castanet can be littered with scams. When using sites like these, it is helpful to know the techniques that scammers use and you should never send anyone money until you are confident that the person and the listing are real.

**Below are a few red flags that could mean a listing is a scam.**

## 1. It sounds too good to be true

A 5-bedroom house available for rent for only \$800 in a great neighbourhood? That sounds like a great deal, right? Beware! If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Scammers will often try to lure people in by giving amazing prices or deals. If it's super cheap, it could be a scam.

## 2. The photos are the same as another posting

Scammers often steal photos from other advertisements and then use them in their ads. Now, since there are so many ads you might not know that the photos are stolen, but be on the lookout for this!

## 3. There are too many details

Scammers often give lots of details about why they are selling something. It can often include a hard-luck or a long, convoluted story. This is to either gain sympathy or confuse the buyer. If there are too many details, it could be a scam.

## 4. They ask for money up-front

This is the most common way of spotting a scam. If someone asks for money before you have seen the unit or signed a contract/rental agreement, then it could be a scam. Before sending a down payment, ask to at least meet with the landlord in-person, or over a video call. You can also ask them to send you a photo of their driver's license.

## 5. It originates overseas

Lots of scams come from overseas so if the seller is located overseas, it could be a scam.

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## WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I GET SCAMMED?

It is difficult to track scammers down, but there are a few ways you can try to get your money back. If you do get scammed, you should:

- Contact your bank and cancel any cheques or payments made to the scammer
- Contact the police and give as many details of the crime as possible
- Contact the online site so that they can prevent the individual from scamming others in the future.
- Update the antivirus software on your computer to prevent viruses from the scammer.



### SIGNING A CONTRACT AND WHAT TO EXPECT

Now that you have secured a place, you may be wondering what to look for and expect in a contract/rental agreement. Before you sign the lease, make sure you understand that it is a legal document and that you need to understand everything on it before you sign.

# 19 THINGS TO CHECK FOR IN THE TENANCY AGREEMENT

Names of the tenants and Landlord

- Date the agreement was signed
- Address of the rental unit
- Rental agreement start and end date
- Address and telephone number of the landlord/property manager
- Tenancy period (i.e., weekly, monthly, or as arranged)
- Amount of rent to be paid
- Security deposit details
- Rent variation based on the number of tenants
- When is the rent due?
- What utilities, equipment, etc. are included in the rent?
- Information about pet damage deposit or if pets are allowed
- Important information and other links to resources are available **here**.



## INTERNET COMPANIES/UTILITIES

The Internet may not be included in the rent. In these cases, the tenant is typically expected to secure the internet for themselves. Some of the common options that students and landlords recommend in Prince George are **Shaw, Telus, Bell, and Rogers**.

Electricity in Prince George is supplied by **FortisBC** or **BCHydro** and you can set up an account on their respective websites to start the connection and pay for monthly services.

## 20 ROOMMATE CHECKLIST

A roommate is someone whom you will be living with until the end of the tenancy agreement. They are someone who will be sharing the space with you and therefore you need to find someone whom you are comfortable around, and can communicate effectively with, and you need to understand each other's boundaries.

It is always best to connect with people through social media and in person, to get to know them before signing a lease. You should make sure that the following points are discussed with your potential roommate, to enable a comfortable living style.

- **Cleaning:** How often do you and your roommate want to clean the place, and what level of cleanliness do you each expect?
- **Bills:** Will you be splitting the grocery bills, electricity, utilities, etc.?
- **Guests:** Will you allow guests to be over often, will they sleep overnight, the maximum number of guests, etc.?
- **Parties:** Are they acceptable, how often can they occur, the maximum number of guests, etc.?
- **Noise/conflict:** What can you do if the person is making too much noise and how do you resolve the conflict? It may be beneficial to set quiet hours.



## 21 ENDING THE CONTRACT, CLEANING AND MOVE-OUT

The landlord will most likely set a time and date to come into your apartment and inspect the premises for any damages. You can ask your property manager/landlord for a move-out checklist. This would show you the things that they expect from you when you move out.

The landlord/property manager will typically ask you to sign an inspection report, which would indicate how much money will be deducted/returned from the security deposit and list any damages. This is where it is key to have the photos you took of any damages made before your tenancy. Make sure that you read the inspection report in full before signing and check for the amounts mentioned for accuracy.

Always discuss the return of the security deposit. You will need to provide a return address and can expect the return of the deposit within two weeks.

### **British Columbia Resource links**

What are your rights as a renter?

- <https://arrivein.com/daily-life-in-canada/understanding-your-rights-as-a-tenant-in-british-columbia-b-c/>

Where to go to raise a dispute?

- <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/contact-the-residential-tenancy-branch>

Rent Smarter Resource:

- <https://rentsmarteducation.org>

Tenant Resource & Advisory Centre:

- <https://tenants.bc.ca>

Problem with your landlord? This resource will provide support.

- <https://www.vancouvertenantsunion.ca/resources>

Tenancy Agreement PDF

- [https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/housing-and-tenancy/residential-tenancies/forms/rtb1\\_chrome.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/housing-and-tenancy/residential-tenancies/forms/rtb1_chrome.pdf)

## 22 GENERAL COMMENTS AND PIECES OF ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS

### Basement suites

There are a lot of basement suites (ground-level units) in Prince George's. These units are normally colder and darker (because of the small windows). They also feel a little humid in winter. But some ground-level suites are above the ground. Those are not as same as basements and are better options if available.

You may find more furnished basement suites rather than above-ground suits.

### Where to stay upon arrival?

Booking an Airbnb suite ([airbnb.ca](https://www.airbnb.ca)) or an inn/motel/hotel room helps. Because they are furnished and have internet, you would have a reasonable time to settle down, buy a sim card, and rent a place. There are some hotels in town that offer up to 25% discount to UNBC students.

Please note that for booking Airbnb you need an active Airbnb account with a credit card. If you don't have a credit card, your best bet is to find someone with a credit card that can book for you and you can pay them back later.



## 23 GENERAL COMMENTS AND PIECES OF ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS

### **Comment from a 5th-year UNBC student - recommending housing for single students:**

Consider moving to UNBC Dormitory. This way you have 3 months at least to get to know the city and find a good place to move to. You will also be close to many facilities around the campus and not worry about finding a place or dealing with a landlord or finding a roommate. One thing you can do is, if you know anyone who is moving to the UNBC dorm, you could put each other's name in the application and become roommates! Make sure you both put each other's names in the applications tho!

Some downside of UNBC Dorm is there are 4 people in each suite which for some people that's a lot. Also, the walls are thin and it might not be the most quiet place. Also, you have to pay for the whole semester's rental fee for the semester at the beginning of the semester.

### **Comment from a UNBC Masters student - Landlords ask for references:**

When I was looking for a house here last year, landlords always asked me for a reference; some of the landlords didn't even agree to show me the house without a reference; some landlords asked if I had a job or not.

The house that I have now is on a monthly payment (this is a normal thing here), which even for that they asked me to provide 2 numbers as references and they gave them a call and asked them about me.

Now, if a landlord is willing to give you a house without knowing you first, not getting your references or asking if you work or not, the place might not be the place and you should be careful.

## 24 GENERAL COMMENTS AND PIECES OF ADVICE FROM EXPERIENCED INDIVIDUALS

### **Comment from a UNBC Masters student -Getting a place together without knowing each other:**

Personally, my advice is that if you are going to buy a place together, make sure to see/talk to each other online a few times; try to get to know each other a little more, then get a house together. In general, you have to be a very forgiving person to be able to live with several people without knowing each other. Because it is not a dormitory and there is no law that everyone is allowed to do and what they should not do.

Here, someone may say, "I got another house, I'm leaving. Goodbye. There is no obligation. You must be mentally and financially ready to control the situation until you find another housemate."

### **Comment from a former UNBC student and current faculty member at CNC:**

If you are three or two and want an apartment, consider Park Village or Pine Glen. The apartments are bright and very good. And heating is also included. You can go to the university by bus lines 1 and 15.

Also, Spruce Land shopping mall is ten minutes away on foot.



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## HOTELS IN PRINCE GEORGE

NOTE THIS LIST WILL CHANGE AS LOCATIONS OPEN/CLOSE

**Ramada Plaza by Wyndham**

444 George St.  
250-563-0055  
1-800-830-8833  
ramadaprincegeorge.com

**Pomeroy Inn & Suites**

2700 Recplace Dr  
236-423-4546  
1-833-680-4953  
pomeroyinnandsuites.com

**Four Points by Sheraton**

1790 Hwy 97 North  
250-564-7100  
marriott.com

**Hyatt Place Prince**

585 Dominion St  
236-423-3324  
hyatt.com

**Coast Prince George Hotel by APA**

770 Brunswick St.  
250-563-0121  
coasthotels.com

**Courtyard By Marriott**

900 Brunswick St  
250-596-6274  
marriott.com

**Sandman Hotel & Suites**

1650 Central St East  
250-563-8131  
1-800-726-3636  
sandmanhotels.com

**Sandman Signature Hotel**

2990 Replace Drive  
250-645-7263  
1-800-726-3636  
sandmanhotels.com

**Best Western Plus**

3387 Hwy 16 West  
250-964-8833  
1-800-780-7234  
bestwestern.com

**Travelodge by Wyndham**

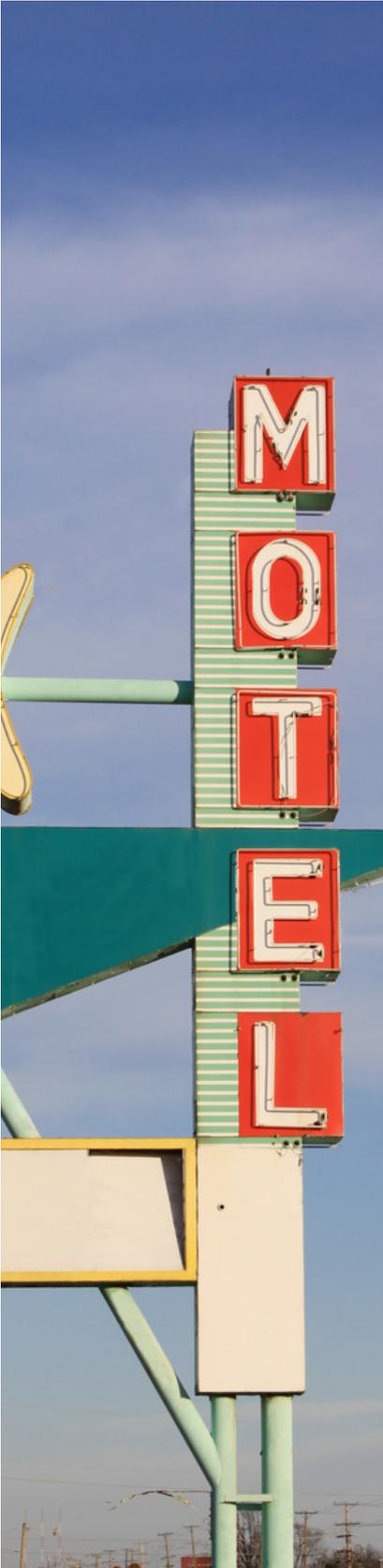
1458 7 Ave  
250-563-0666  
1-800-578-7878  
wyndhamhotels.com



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## MOTELS IN PRINCE GEORGE

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**Brother's Inn Motel**  
2301 Northwood Pulp Rd  
250-562-1789

**Canada's Best Value Inn**  
1630 Central St E  
250-563-3671  
cbvipg.com

**North Star Inn & Suites**  
1550 Victoria St  
250-563-1267

**1618 Inn**  
3454 John Hart Hwy  
250-962-7224  
1618inn.com

**Prince George Motor Court**  
876 17th Ave  
250-562-2910  
pgmotorcourt.com

**Prince Motel**  
1737 20th Ave  
250-562-4900  
princemotel.ca

**Fraser Inn**  
1616 Queensway  
236-423-4555  
fraserinn.ca

**Roblyn Motel**  
3755 John Hart Hwy  
250-962-7081

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**Welcome Inn**  
3670 John Hart Hwy  
250-962-0441

**Anavada Inn & Suites**  
1391 Central St W  
250-563-0102

**Bon Voyage Inn**  
4222 Hwy 16 W  
250-964-2333  
1-888-611-3872  
bonvoyageinn.ca

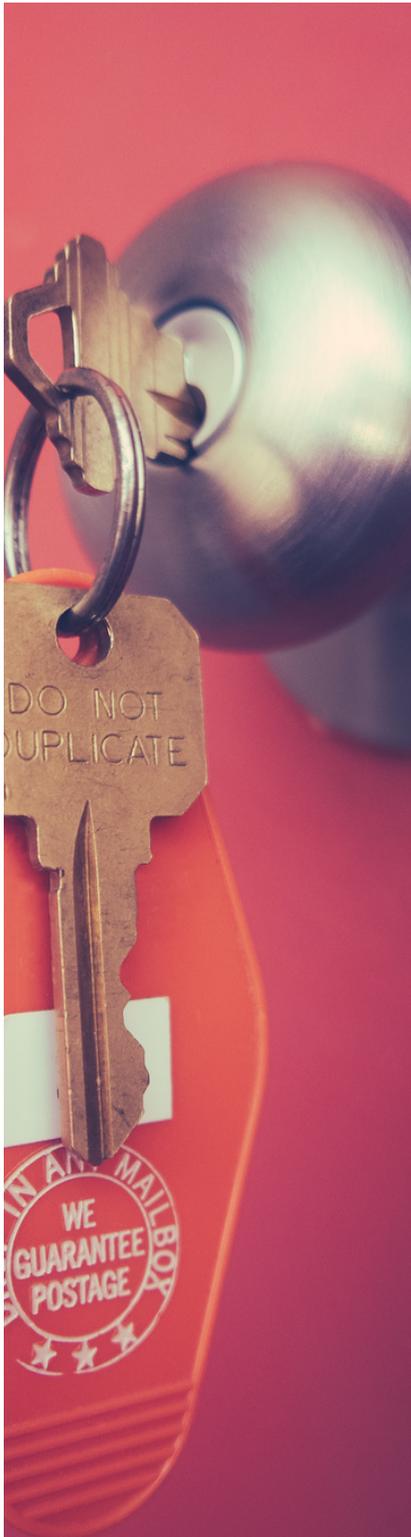
**Carmel Inn**  
1502 BC-97  
250-564-6339  
1-800-665-4485  
carmelinn.ca

**Econo Lodge**  
910 Victoria St  
250-563-1267  
877-424-6423  
choicehotels.com

**Gramas Inn**  
901 Central St W  
250-563-7174  
1-877-563-7174  
gramasinn.com

**Camelot Court Motel**  
1600 Central St East  
250-563-0661  
1-800-668-3361

**97 Motor Inn**  
2713 Spruce St  
250-562-6010  
97 motorinn.ca



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## PROVIDING PERSONAL INFORMATION

### **SIN number**

You do not need to provide this for enquiries into rentals. The only time this is required is for credit checks.

If you are not comfortable with the person or do not feel that the situation needs it, you are better to refuse and walk away than having to deal with identity theft or scams.

### **Banking information**

Only provide this if you agree to direct withdrawals from your bank account. Property management companies will usually ask for this, but smaller landlords and individual landlords do not need this information. Usually, rent payments are made via e-transfer or cheque.

You may have a landlord ask for post-dated cheques, although this has faded over the years with the move to direct withdrawals and e-transfers.

