

# Renting - On Your Own Project



# Finding Your First Apartment

- **Things to Look for:**
  - **Location**
  - **How many rooms, size, etc.**
  - **Prices**
  - **Amenities**
  - **Policies/restrictions**





# Location

- **Think about your commute to work and school**
- **Is it in a safe area?**
  - **Check out the place at night too**
- **Is it in a loud area?**
- **Near a college?**



Sure, it looks nice, but what's the neighborhood behind it like?

# Size, Rooms, Etc.

- **Pros vs. Cons of Roommates**
- **Look at how many bedrooms/bathrooms there are in the apartment**
- **What is parking like?**



# Price

- **One of the most important factors to consider**
- **Does the price include utilities?**
  - **Water, electricity, gas, trash**





# Amenities

- **Rec. Center**
- **Gym**
- **Laundry Room**
- **Air conditioning**
- **Pool**



# Pet/Smoking Policies

- **Are pets allowed?**
- **If you don't have a pet, do you want to hear barking?**
- **Pay attention to smoking/non-smoking policies**
  - **Could mean your neighbor's apt will smell**
  - **Or YOUR apartment could still smell like smoke**



# What about other “pets”?

- **Make sure the place doesn't have a rodent, bug, insect, etc. problem**





# Before you sign anything...

- **READ THE LEASE**
  - Read all the fine print
- Talk to the neighbors
- Check all the light switches, outlets, etc.
- Take pictures of the place



# Now How to Do You *GET* the Apartment??

- **Some things you need:**
  - **First and Last Month's Rent**
  - **Security Deposit**
  - **Good Credit**
  - **Probably a Co-Signer**

