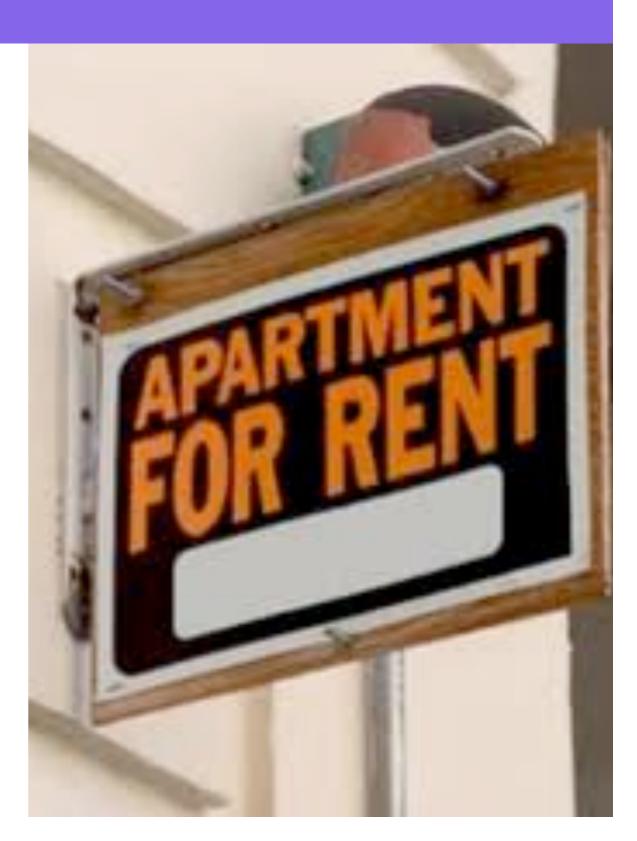
Renting - On Your Own Project



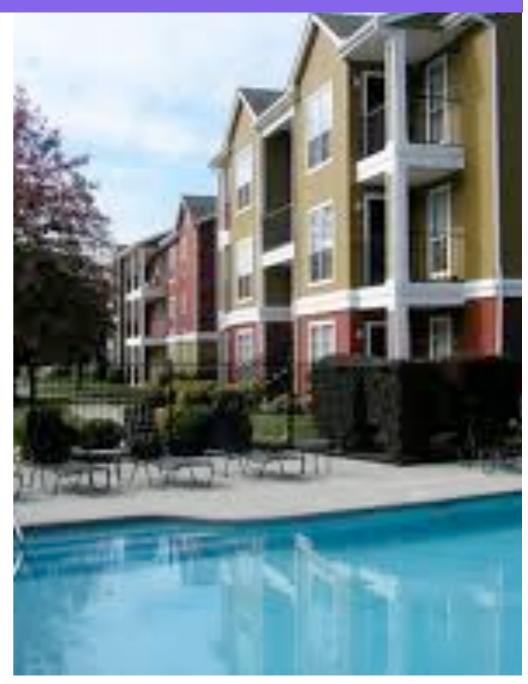
Finding Your First Apartment

- 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?



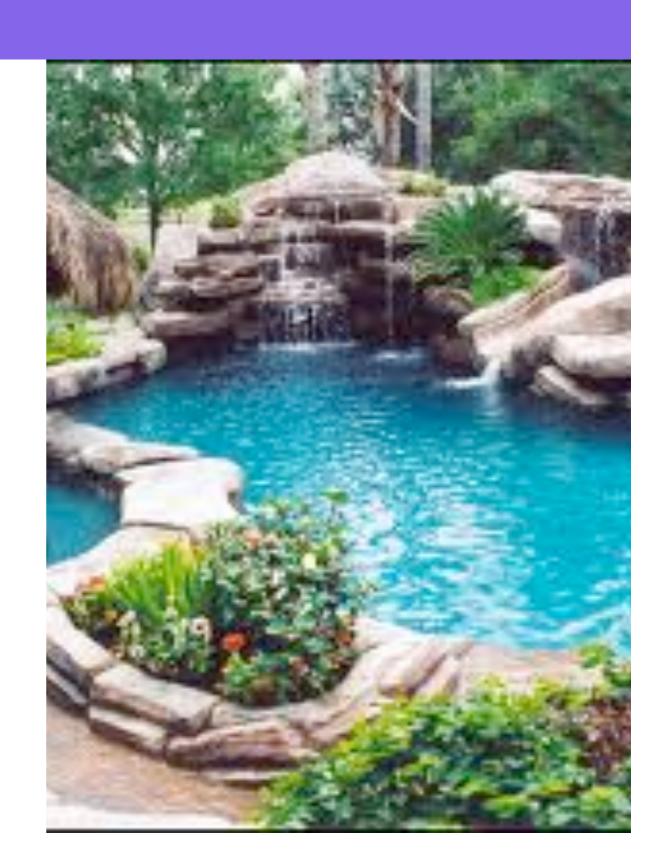
Price

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



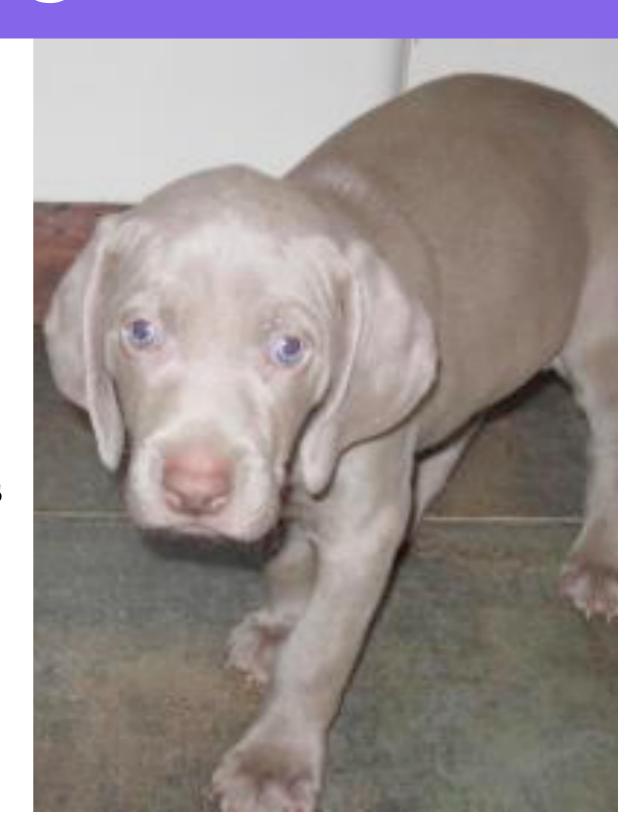
Amenities

- 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/nonsmoking 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

