HOUSING CHECKLIST

When looking for rental accomodation

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- Is the rental near Conestoga College? How long does it take to travel to the campus?
- How close is the grocery store/pharmacy/bus stop?
- Is the rental near different bus routes for easy travel?
- How early or late does the bus run?
- What is included in the rental price? (Gas, water, heat, electricity, internet. laundry, furnishings, parking)

When viewing potential rental accommodation

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- Take your camera or cellphone to take pictures.
- Walk around the building and neighbourhood. Do you feel comfortable?
- Do the doors have locks? Does each bedroom have its own lock?
- Ask if the entrance and street are well lit and safe to walk at night.
- Walk to the nearest bus stop.

✓ CHECK

- Who is responsible for cleaning? (indoors, lawn maintenance, snow shoveling, leaf collection)
- When is garbage and recycling collected?
- Are appliances in working order? (Stove, oven, refrigerator, washer, dryer)
- Are the smoke and carbon monoxide detectors installed?
- Are the fire exits easily accessible? Is there a fire extinguisher in the unit? Was it checked in the past year?
- Is there evidence of mildew, ceiling & wall cracks or rodents/cockroaches?

? ASK

- Who and how many people are you sharing the unit? (male, female or co-ed?)
- What spaces within the unit are shared?
- Are there house rules? (smoking, pets, food, noise levels)
- Can family and friends visit and/or stay? Is permission/prior notice needed?

When applying for a rental

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- Proof of income / Letter of employment or enrollment
- Government Issued ID
- Credit Check
- References from past landlords
- Guarantor might be needed for apartment rentals

When renting

$ TAKE

- First month's rent on 1st day of lease.
- Last month's rent deposit.
- Signed copy of your lease.
- Note your landlord's contact information.
- Bedding and furniture if not included.
- Has the landlord promised to clean/paint or repair the unit before you move in? ***If so, get it in writing!***
- Take pictures of unit on first day.