

**ANSWER THESE 20 QUESTIONS
BEFORE
YOU SIGN A RENTAL AGREEMENT!**

1. ● Are smoke alarms installed? Working?
2. ● How old are the smoke alarms?
3. ● How often are the smoke alarms checked and batteries changed?
4. ● Are there at least two ways to exit your living space and your building?
5. ● Do the upper floors have a fire escape or ladder available for each bedroom? (if there are multiple floors)
6. ● Are the living unit doors rated for fire?
7. ● Are fire extinguishers available? Working?
8. ● Were the fire extinguishers inspected within the last year?
9. ● Is a sprinkler system installed?
10. ● Is the electrical wiring adequate?
11. ● Is the building regularly inspected by the local fire department or college emergency management office for safety?
12. ● What is the owner's policy and method for correcting safety problems in the building?
13. ● Has there ever been a fire in this building? If so, identify the cause.
14. ● Does the residence have a gas or electric stove/oven?
15. ● Do you know how to use the appliance(s) correctly?
16. ● Where is the nearest fire hydrant on the street?
17. ● Who is responsible for keeping it cleared in the winter season?
18. ● Did the school recommend the unit for student housing?
19. ● Is the owner a member in good standing in a landlord/tenant association or other housing association?
20. ● Has the city and/or university received any safety complaints regarding this building?