

CRIME PREVENTION & SAFETY TIPS

Checklist for Apartments

- Entry door should be equipped with deadbolt lock and peephole.
- Sliding glass door should have rod in track so that it can't be opened and pins in the overhead frame so that it can't be lifted out.
- Building mgr. /landlord should have strict control of keys.
- Make sure walkways, entrances, parking areas, elevators, laundry and storage areas are well lighted at all times.
- Make sure fire doors are kept locked from the stairwell side from within above the ground floor so that you can exit, but no one can enter.
- Keep shrubs trimmed for visibility and make sure any burnt-out lights get replaced as needed.
- Get to know your neighbors. Join or organize apartment watch group so that the neighbors can look out for and assist each other.
- If your building works on a buzzer entry system so that you can push a button from your apartment to let someone in, make sure you know who you're actually letting into the building first before you authorize entry. Any one can push all the buttons on the tenant list and wait for the first person to open the door.