

GET A HEAD START: LEASE SMART

Introduction:

Young adults encounter many new and exciting experiences while in college. A prime example is renting an apartment or house. Many college students live off campus. Most have very limited knowledge about rental



laws, tenant rights, and how to deal with general concerns about renting. Many college students sign leases without a complete understanding of the legally binding nature of a lease, and many do not even read their lease before signing on the dotted line.

Module Description:

This module teaches what a lease is, what information is usually required from the renter when completing a rental application, the role of the move-in and move-out inspection, and your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, including your right to have your security deposit returned if you've been a responsible renter.

You will learn to:

1. Recognize that a lease is legally binding, and understand the value of reading a lease and asking questions before signing
2. Understand what information a property manager will request about you in a rental agreement
3. Know the difference between a deposit and a fee
4. Know the role of move-in and move-out inspections
5. Know renters' rights and responsibilities