



Apartment Safety Tips

How to Stay Safe in Your Apartment

Often in apartment buildings people don't know who their neighbors are. This provides an advantage for criminals to commit crimes.

Lock Your door

Always lock your door even if you are going to the laundry room for a few moments or to check your mailbox. You might think that you'll be gone for a minute and don't want to hassle with locking your door. Remember, most burglars are looking for the easiest opportunity to get in and out without detection.

Keep Your Windows Secured

In warmer months it is tempting to open your windows all the way to let in fresh air. Open the window slightly to let in fresh air but not intruders. Make sure that the window is secured so it will not open further. This is especially true for ground floor apartments.

Don't Let Strangers In

If you live in a security building don't let someone into the building that you don't know. This jeopardizes everybody's safety. If someone comes to your door, use the peephole to verify their identity. Don't just let them in, especially if you are not expecting them. If you are meeting someone for the first time or receiving a delivery, meet them in the lobby or entryway.

Get To Know Your Neighbors

Organize a tenant get-together and meet other people in your apartment complex. Neighbors can watch over your apartment when you are gone. This will also help tenants recognize strangers who are hanging around the building.

Leave A Light On

If you know you will be returning home after dark, leave a light on for safety. If you are going out of town attach a timer to your TV or lamp for illumination during evening hours. Burglars are less likely to break into a home if they think it is occupied.

Stay With Your Laundry

If you are doing laundry in a shared laundry area stay with your laundry until finished. This will help prevent theft of your clothing and shows consideration to other tenants in the building. It is frustrating when clothing has been left in the washing machine all day by another tenant.