A Safety Checklist for Apartments:

Check Out Your Apartment
Does your:
- Entry door have a deadbolt lock and peephole?
- Sliding glass door have a wooden rod in the track so it can’t be opened and pins in the overhead frame so it can’t be lifted out?
- Landlord or building manager tightly control keys? For extra security leave a radio or light on when you are gone. You can tell neighbors or your building manager when you leave for a trip.

Check Out Your Building
- Is there some type of control who enters the building-a locked door with apartment buzzers?
- Are walkways, entrances, parking areas, elevators, hallways, stairways, laundry rooms and storage areas well lighted 24 hours a day?
- Are fire stairs locked from the stairwell side above the ground floor so you can exit but no one can enter?
- Are mailboxes in a well-traveled well lighted area and do they have good locks?
- Are things well-maintained—are burnt out lights fixed properly, shrubs trimmed, trash and snow removed?

Check Out the Neighbors
- Get to know your neighbors and neighborhood
- If you live in a larger complex think about a tenant watch
- Work with landlords to sponsor social events
- Look beyond problems to causes—does your building need a play area, a playground or better playground, a social evening for teens, new landscaping, a basketball hoop? Work with your landlord for changes that make everybody proud of where they live.
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- Are there any basketball hoops or other equipment in the apartment?
- Are there any electrical hazards such as frayed cords or loose wires?
- Are there any flammable materials such as gasoline or lighter fluid?
- Are there any toxic chemicals such as pesticides or cleaning products?
- Are there any hazardous waste such as batteries or ink cartridges?
- Are there any electrical hazards such as overloaded circuits or loose wires?
- Are there any fire hazards such as莧ites or smoke detectors?
- Are there any explosives such as fireworks or flares?
- Are there any natural hazards such as flooding or landslides?
- Are there any other hazards in the apartment?