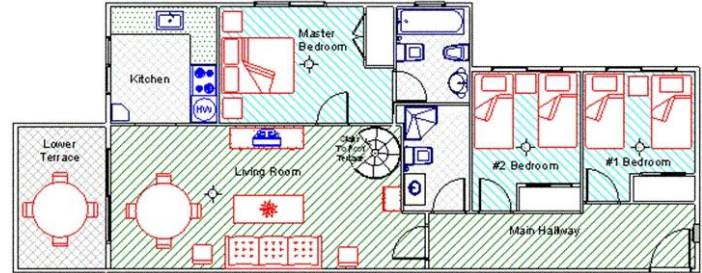




APARTMENT FIRE SAFETY

Apartment fires have prompted Americans to rethink fire safety. A key to fire safety for those living in apartment structures is to create and practice fire escape plans and prevention behaviors. Be alert for fire hazards that put you, your family and your neighbors in danger. Examine all to see if emergency exits work properly, check to see if fire extinguishers are in proper working condition and have been inspected and fire escapes clear to pass through. These are the types of things you should be aware of. Many apartment tenants fail to obtain renter's insurance. This is a necessity that you must have, because most property owner's insurance policies do not cover the tenant's personal lost.



If any of these unsafe conditions are found in your apartment, contact your rental office at once. Residents should also report if they have rodents and roaches.

The following is a list of items to look for to ensure the safety of your apartment's environment:

Exterior Items

- Broken doors or broken glass in doors
- Missing or broken hand rails
- Cracked Steps
- Non-working Fire alarm & security systems
- Improperly covered and secured generators
- Accumulation of trash/rubbish on premises
- Exposed wiring of any type
- Non-working fire extinguishers
- Inoperable fuses and circuit breakers
- Carbon Monoxide or leaking gases
- Non-working exits signs and emergency lights

Interior Items

- Inoperable smoke detectors
- Inoperable heating/air condition units
- Inoperable exhaust fans
- Doors/windows off track
- Missing/broken doors and knobs
- Missing receptacle/light switch covers
- Cracked/missing floor tiles
- Improper use of space heaters
- Improper use of electric blankets/pads
- Faulty electronics device
- Matches/lighters out of child's reach

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