

# HOW TO FIND HOUSING

## LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

- How far from campus do you want to live?
- Do not forget about rain, snow, --- and heat
- Identify the neighborhood you want to live in
- Think about safety



## THINK ABOUT YOUR BUDGET

- Rent and deposit amount. Will you live with a roommate?
- Cost of monthly utilities. Which utilities are included?
- Is it furnished? Can you afford furnishing it?
- Where do you plan to eat?



## FIND YOUR PERFECT PLACE

- Go to the [Off-Campus Housing website](#) for listings
- Talk to rental companies about availability in your preferred location
- Try to visit the actual apartment before signing or arrange a video call from the place



## ASK THE LANDLORD

- What are the measurements of your room?
- Who are the neighbors?
- Will your landlord take care of repairs and maintenance promptly?
- Where can I do laundry?
- Is the place heated in winter?



## BEFORE SIGNING YOUR LEASE

- Understand your lease. Learn more on the [NU Off-Campus Life website](#)
- Record property conditions in the [Property Checklist](#) available on our website
- Take pictures with the landlord to avoid unnecessary costs when moving out



## MOVE IN & STAY INVOLVED

- Stay in touch with the International Office and NU Off-Campus Life
- Check NU Calendar of events: [planitpurple.northwestern.edu](http://planitpurple.northwestern.edu)
- Like "NU Off-Campus Life" on Facebook
- Don't miss events for off-campus students



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