

TALLAHASSEE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SECURITY CHECKLIST

Here are some security guidelines to consider while searching for an apartment. Everyone's needs and situations vary greatly, so evaluate all of your options carefully.

Exterior Doors

- Are all exterior doors solid; strong enough to resist kicking?
- Do they open in, or have tamper resistant hinges?
- Are all exterior doors equipped with secure, dead-bolt locks?
- Are all exterior doors equipped with a peep-hole for outside viewing?

Sliding Glass Doors

- Do they lock securely?
- Are they equipped with auxiliary locks?
- Are they equipped with spacer in the track to resist being lifted?

Windows

- Do they lock securely?
- Are they equipped with auxiliary locks?
- Can the window be lifted from its track?

Alarms

- Do the apartments have working smoke detectors?
- If each apartment has burglar alarm, can you work it with confidence?

Common Areas

- Are laundry areas, pools, gyms and clubhouses closed to non-residents?
- Are these areas well-lighted at night?
- Are they clean and well maintained?

Address

- Are building numbers displayed clearly?
- Does each apartment have a clearly visible number?

Contact the Tallahassee Police Department Crime Prevention Unit for more information on this and other safety programs.

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Landscaping

- Are bushes well-trimmed so you can see behind them?
- Are bushes trimmed below the windows?
- Are tree branches trimmed up to allow viewing under them?

Lighting

- Is there light near the front door to allow you to see who may be there?
- Does the complex generally appear well-lighted?

Parking

- Can you park near your apartment?
- Do you have a clear view of the parking area as you approach?
- Is the parking area well-lit at night?

Key Access

- Who has master keys?
- Are apartments re-keyed after tenants move out?
- Is notification given for non-emergency repairs?

- **Get to know your neighbors.**
- **Stay alert when going to your car or parking.**
- **Report suspicious activity to Police and the management.**
- **Keep your doors locked whether you're home or out.**
- **Keep an inventory of your valuables.**
- **Mark your belongings with your driver's license number to help trace them, if they are stolen.**

All Emergencies 9-1-1
TDD 891-4375

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