FIRE SAFETY QUESTIONS

CONSIDER THESE 20 QUESTIONS BEFORE SIGNING A RENTAL AGREEMENT!

☐ Are smoke alarms installed and working?
☐ How old are the smoke alarms?
☐ How often are the smoke alarms checked and batteries changed?
☐ Are there at least two ways to exit your living space and your building?
☐ Do the upper floors have a fire escape or ladder available for each bedroom? (if there are multiple floors)
☐ Are the living unit doors rated for fire?
☐ Are fire extinguishers available and working?
☐ Do you know how to use a fire extinguisher?
☐ Were the fire extinguishers inspected within the last year?
☐ Is a sprinkler system installed?
☐ Is the electrical wiring adequate?
☐ Is the building regularly inspected by the local fire department or college emergency management office for safety?
☐ What is the owner’s policy and method for correcting safety problems in the building?
☐ Has there ever been a fire in this building? If so, identify the cause.
☐ Does the residence have a gas or electric stove/oven?
☐ Do you know how to use the appliance(s) correctly?
☐ Where is the nearest fire hydrant on the street?
☐ Who is responsible for keeping the property cleared in the winter season?
☐ Is the owner a member in good standing in a landlord/tenant association or other housing association?
☐ Has the city received any safety complaints regarding this building?

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