

Before you start searching for a place to live on HousingLink, beware of these 18 ways you can ruin your life renting an apartment.

1. Choosing a bad roommate
2. Paying your rent late
3. Not saving money for moving expenses
4. Not adding how much utilities and transportation will cost
5. Living far away from work
6. Not knowing your criminal, credit, and rental history
7. Paying an application fee without knowing 100% you will get approved
8. Not doing a walk-through of the apartment on move-in day
9. Not reading your lease COMPLETELY
10. Allowing people to live in the apartment who are not on the lease
11. Throwing loud parties and inviting poorly behaved guests
12. Doing drugs or other illegal things in the apartment
13. Not communicating maintenance issues right away
14. Co-signing on someone else's lease
15. Getting into conflict with other residents
16. Making changes to the apartment without the landlord's permission
17. Not providing proper notice when you want to move out
18. Not completely cleaning your apartment when you move out

Avoid making these mistakes and you should have a good renting experience!