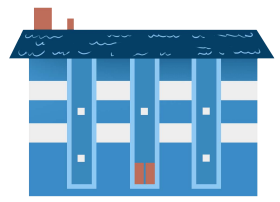


CHECKLIST OF STEPS FOR MOVING INTO NEW RENTAL HOUSING



- **Read the lease and understand your responsibilities.**
 - Make sure you know what is in your lease, including move-in dates, rent amount, when your rent is due, rules about pets and guests, etc.

- **Ask the Landlord or Property Manager to Do a Walk-through Inspection of the Unit with You.**
 - Before moving in, try to do a walk-through inspection of the property with the landlord or property manager.
 - Write down any existing damage or issues and take photos as evidence.
 - Develop a plan with the landlord for repairs. Get it in writing.

- **Consider Renter’s Insurance.**
 - Renter’s insurance protects your belongings if something happens to the rental. It is more affordable than other types of insurance.
 - If you do have it, call and let the company know the date of your move and any other relevant details that will change.

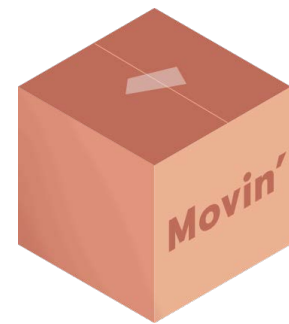
- **Notify Utilities.**
 - If you are responsible for utilities, contact the companies to get your accounts set up.

- **Change Your Address.**
 - Set up your change of address and schedule mail forwarding with [USPS](#).
 - Update your new address with your bank, credit card, medical offices, and any memberships or subscriptions.

- **Put Important Documents in a Safe Place.**
 - Keep copies of your lease, move-in inspection report, and any communication with the landlord (texts, written notes, letters, etc.).

- **Keep Communication Open.**
 - Maintain good communication with your landlord or property manager for any concerns or questions as you move in.

- **Watch our video “Tips for Moving Into a Rental Unit”**
 - [Moving Into Rental Housing - Legal Aid WV](#)



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