



# GUARD YOUR SECURITY/DAMAGE DEPOSIT



## WHEN MOVING IN, take stock of the condition of your unit:

1. You can get an "Apartment Condition Checklist" from the Tenant Union office, 326 Illini Union, or their website [www.tenantunion.uiuc.edu](http://www.tenantunion.uiuc.edu) . If there are problems, take/send a copy to your landlord with a written request to repair/fix the deficiencies. Keep a copy of both the checklist AND your letter!
2. Take pictures! If you have a video camera, take a video.
3. Be sure to keep the "checklist", your copy of the letter, and your pictures/video in a safe place to take stock again at the end of your rental period.

## WHILE LIVING IN YOUR UNIT, TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVING SPACE!

Keep it clean; clean it when you leave.

## AFTER YOU MOVE OUT, OR REGARDING YOUR PREVIOUS LEASE, come in to Student Legal Service to set up an appointment with an attorney if:

- a. you do not receive a list of deductions from your deposit with documentation within 30 days of the end of your lease,
- b. you do not get your deposit back within 45 days of the end of your lease, or
- c. you believe the deductions made from your deposit are unwarranted (bring in your checklist, letter, photos, video, any communication from the landlord).



**STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE**  
 324 Illini Union (north tower)  
 Office open: 8:30am-Noon; 1:00-4:30pm  
[www.odos.uiuc.edu/sls](http://www.odos.uiuc.edu/sls)  
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