

## Campus Resources:

### Student Legal Service

324 Illini Union  
[www.odos.illinois.edu/sls](http://www.odos.illinois.edu/sls)

### Tenant Union

326 Illini Union  
217-333-0112  
[www.tenantunion.illinois.edu](http://www.tenantunion.illinois.edu)

### Office of Dean of Students/Emergency Dean

300 Turner Student Services Building\*  
217-333-0050  
[www.odos.illinois.edu](http://www.odos.illinois.edu)

### New Student Programs

300 Turner Student Services Building\*  
217-333-4057  
[www.odos.illinois.edu/newstudent](http://www.odos.illinois.edu/newstudent)

### LGBT Concerns Office

323 Illini Union  
217-244-8863  
[studentaffairs.illinois.edu/diversity/lgbt/index.html](http://studentaffairs.illinois.edu/diversity/lgbt/index.html)

### Office of International Students and Scholar Services

400 Turner Student Services Building\*  
217-333-1303  
[www.iss.illinois.edu](http://www.iss.illinois.edu)

### Counseling Center

212 Turner Student Services Building\*  
217-333-3704  
[www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu](http://www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu)

\* 610 East John St., Champaign,  
corner of 6th and John Streets



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The information contained herein is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. Students who are confronted with legal problems or who need specific advice are encouraged to seek assistance from a licensed attorney at Student Legal Service.



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## 1. Get it in writing!

→ Verbal/oral agreements are difficult to prove and even more difficult to enforce.

→ Leases and any changes to leases should always be in writing and each party should keep a copy.

## 2. Get insurance!

→ Auto insurance – it's the law.

→ Renter's insurance – protects your stuff and the cost is low! The landlord is NOT an insurer of your personal items.

## 3. Don't pay that ticket until you talk to a lawyer!

→ It's NOT true that all tickets can be beat, but many times an attorney can help you find a better choice than a conviction on your driving record.

→ When two or more tickets are issued in the same traffic stop, sometimes one of them could possibly be dismissed.

## 4. Don't lend money you can't afford to live without!

→ Most loans between friends, acquaintances and romantic partners are never paid back and difficult to enforce in court.

→ If a friend needs \$500 or \$1,000 to pay the late rent or overdue bills, what makes you think you'll be paid back?

## 5. If it sounds too good to be true... it is!

→ Prizes, internet inheritances, internet

lottery winnings – DELETE these email scams immediately.

→ If someone is trying to sell you a "good" used car "as is", you can be sure it will have lots of problems. Have it checked out by a mechanic before you put any money down.

## 6. Protect your Credit Record.

→ Don't purchase what you can't afford to pay off in 3 months or less.

→ Check your bank account and credit card statement every month for errors; millions are made by cheats because people don't want to dispute 3¢ added to a debit/charge.

## 7. What you "think" you know can hurt you.

→ "The cop lied to me so the charges can be beat."

= Cops can lie. It is YOU who must tell the truth, so keep your mouth shut!

→ "If I don't move in after signing the lease, I am out of the contract."

= NO!! Not on this planet!

## 8. There are no stupid questions.

→ Are SLS attorneys "real attorneys"?

Yes! But our feelings are not hurt if you think we're young enough to be student-attorneys!

→ Can I cancel my lease within three days of signing?

NO!! Once you sign the contract/ lease, you are bound by its terms.

## 9. "I'll never need an attorney!" -- Famous last words.

→ Over 2,000 students each year need a Student Legal Service attorney in addition to countless students using private attorneys.

→ "My Mom is an attorney." Do you really want mom to know about your underage drinking ticket? Attorney-client privilege forbids sharing your information without your written permission.

## 10. There are people at the University who care! *(turn page over)*



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