

8 Rules for Smart Renters in Alberta

Rule 1: Know Who You Are Living With Before You Move in Together

You will spend a lot of time with the person you live with. You should be able to trust each other. You also want to live with someone you can trust to pay rent, or you will be evicted. Sign a written roommate agreement before you move in together to prevent future problems.



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Rule 2: Write it Down

Verbal agreements are hard to prove. You should have a written lease. If you have a problem in your place, then you should tell your landlord in writing.



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Rule 3: Go to Inspections with Your Landlord

The inspection reports are important because they are the evidence that lets the landlord make deductions from the security deposit when you move out.



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Rule 4: Don't Pay Cash

If you pay with cash, you can't prove that you paid. If you use a cheque, you can prove that you paid. If you must pay by cash, then take a friend with you to be your witness or prepare a receipt and have the landlord sign it.



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Rule 5: Be Nice

You will have a better relationship with your landlord if you are nice.

Rule 6: Keep Papers and Notices

You should keep all the paperwork somewhere safe. If there is a problem with your landlord, you will need all the papers and notices.

Rule 7: Ask for Help if You Don't Understand

If you don't know what a notice means, you should ask someone for help to help you understand what you should do next.

Rule 8: Know Your Rights and the Law

Knowing your rights and the law can help you resolve renting problems. For more information, visit:

Laws for Landlord & Tenants in Alberta

www.landlordandtenant.org

Service Alberta

www.servicealberta.ca or call 1-877-427-4088

For a list of where to get legal help,
refer to CPLEA's **Get Legal Help in Alberta**
www.cplea.ca/legalhelp/



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