

Topic: Housing
(International Organization for Migration, Overseas Processing Entity, Bangkok)

Activity: Resettlement Reality: Housing Situations

Objectives

By the end of this unit, participants will be able to:

- Express expectations regarding housing that are realistic
- Repeat factual information regarding housing
- Solve a number of potential housing problems
- Explain the uses of various kitchen and bathroom utilities
- Explain various safety features and upkeep procedures

Time

15-20 minutes

Materials

- Housing Situations Handout (included)

Practice

1. Divide participants into small groups.
2. Hand out the Housing Situations Handout.
3. Ask participants to come to an agreement within the group as to a course of action for each situation.
4. Get together in a large group and discuss each situation.

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Housing Situations Handout

Question 1: The tap in the bathroom is leaking badly and you are responsible for the water bill. Your landlord has promised to fix it but that was 3 months ago and nothing has been done. What do you do?

Question 2: You have lived in your apartment for 6 months when you find an apartment that is cheaper, better, and closer to work. You have signed a one-year lease. What do you do?

Question 3: You have rented an apartment and signed a lease for one year. That year is almost over. You would like to rent the apartment for another year, but your landlord wants to raise the rent by 10%. What do you do?

Question 4: One July 15, your landlord phones to tell you that he wants to move into your apartment himself and that you are to move out at the end of the month. You ask for more time to find a new place but he says "no". On July 31, you come home to find your landlord in your apartment. He tells you he has shut off the water and is changing the locks. What do you do?

Your landlord in the story above did some things that are illegal. How many? What are they?

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