

SOME THINGS TO KNOW WHEN YOU START LIVING IN AN APARTMENT IN AMERICA (MARCH 5, 2013)

- 1. YOUR CASE MANAGER OR VOLUNTEER WILL SHOW YOU HOW TO OPERATE THE FRONT DOOR KEY.

 BE SURE TO TAKE THE KEY ALONG WHENEVER YOU LEAVE THE APARTMENT.
- 2. Do not open the door for someone whom you don't know.
- 3. When preparing to take a shower, test the temperature <u>Before</u> getting into the shower; place the shower curtain inside the tub or shower stall base; open the drain.
- 4. BE SURE ALL WINDOWS ARE CLOSED AND LOCKED WHEN LEAVING THE APARTMENT.
- 5. Never make a fire on the floor. Do not burn charcoal indoors.
- 6. FOR THE STOVE, ADJUST THE BURNER OR OVEN TO BE ONLY HOT ENOUGH FOR THE COOKING TASK.

 Make sure burners & oven are OFF when finished cooking; check this when leaving.
- 7. NEVER USE THE STOVE OR OVEN FOR HEATING THE APARTMENT.
- 8. If you smell a bad odor like rotten eggs and you have gas heat or stove, make sure the stove & oven have been turned off; if they were off, then leave the apartment and call 911 and say "gas smell" and the address.
- 9. The thermostat controls how much heat is added to the apartment. If you turn it higher than 65° , it will cost extra money. Close and lock all windows when no one is at home. It will save money if the temperature is set back to 60° when away all day. Don't leave windows open in cold weather.
- 10. The case manager will demonstrate the smoke alarms. You should look for smoke or fire if one goes off; and if there is fire that you cannot put out easily, to then leave the apartment and call 911 and say "fire" and the address.
- 11. THE CASE MANAGER WILL EXPLAIN THE FIRE EXIT(S) FOR USE IN CASE THE FRONT DOOR IS UNUSABLE.
- 12. WITH THE REFRIGERATOR & FREEZER, THE FREEZER IS VERY COLD AND IS USED TO FREEZE SOLID: MEATS, FISH, VEGETABLES, ICE; DO NOT PUT EGGS, TOMATOES, DRINKS INTO THE FREEZER. DO NOT RE-FREEZE FOOD.
- 13. THE CASE MANAGER WILL EXPLAIN HOW THE GARBAGE AND TRASH ARE TO BE ACCUMULATED INSIDE; AND WHEN AND HOW TO PUT THEM OUT FOR COLLECTION.
- **14.** THE CASE MANAGER WILL EXPLAIN HOW TO CONTACT THE LANDLORD IF SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE FIXED, LIKE A TOILET KEEPS RUNNING, SMOKE ALARM MAKES SHORT CHIRPS, WINDOW IS BROKEN.
- 15. You, the tenant are responsible for paying the monthly apartment rent after any period paid by the agency is finished; and you must comply with lease requirements for example, if it is a 1-year lease, you cannot move out before the lease ends in one year without permission from the landlord, and you cannot just move to another unit and stop paying the rent. Write down the date when your lease term is over.
- 16. KEEP AND USE A MONTHLY CALENDAR; A GOOD PLACE IS ON THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR
- 17. ALWAYS GET A RECEIPT FOR RENT PAYMENT; BEST TO PAY BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, NOT CASH
- 18. Do not go out at night unless necessary or you are sure that it is safe.



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- 1. ተሽታታሊ(ጣናጀር) ጉዳይካ ወይ ካልእ ሰብ ብወለንትኡ ብዛዕባ ኣጠቓቒጣ መፍትሕ ናይ ቅድሚት ጣዕጾ ከመይ ከምዝኾነ ከርእየካ'ዩ። ካብ ኣፓርትመንትኻ ክትወጽእ ከለኻ ኩሉሳዕ መፍትሕካ ምሳኻ ዝተጣላእካዮ ሙኻንካ ኣረጋግጽ።
- 2. ማዕጾኻ ንዘይትፈልጦ ሰብ ኣይትኽፈት።
- 3. ነብስኻ ክትሕጻብ ክትዳሎ ከሎኻ ናብ ባኞ ቅድሚ ምእታውካ ነቲ ሙቐት ርኣዮ፡ነቲ መጋረጃ ናብ ውሽጢ ባስካ ወይከኣ ኣብ ልዕሊ መስቀሊ ኣቐምጦ። ነቲ ጣፋ ክፈቶ።
- 4. ካብ ኣፓርትመንት ክትወጽእ እንከለኻ ኩሎም መሳዥቲ ዕጹዋት ሙዃኖም ኣረጋባጽ።
- 5. ኣብ ምድሪቤት ዝኾነ ዓይነት ሓዊ ኣይትእንድ። ኣብ ውሽጢ ገዛ ፍሓም ኣይተንድድ።
- 7. ንእቶንካ ንዛኻ ንሙጣቐ ፈጺምካ ኣይትጠቐመሉ።
- 8. ከም ዝተበላሸወ እንቛ፝፝፝፞፞ቒሖ ዝኣመሰለ ሕጣ፝ቝ ሽታ ምስዝጩንወካሞ ጋዝ ወይ እቶን ተወሊው እንተድኣ ኮይኑ ኣጥፋኣዮ። ኩሉ ጠፊኡ እንከሎ ዝስትውዓል ሽታ እንተኾይኑ ካብ ኣፓርትመንት ውጻእሞ 9॥ ደዊልካ ጋዝ ይሽትት ኣሎ ኢልካ ኣድራሻኻ ንገሮም።
- 9. ቴርሞስታት ኣብቲ ክፍሊ ዘሎ ሙቐት ክሳዕ ክንደይ ከምዝወሰኸ ይቆጻጸር። ካብ 65 ዲግሪ ንላዕሊ እንተተወሊው ዝያዳ ገንዘብ ትኸፍል። ሰብ ኣብ ነዛ ኣብዘይህልወሉ ግዜ ንኹሉ መሳኹቲ ኣግጢምካ ዕጸዎ። ሙሉእ መዓልቲ ካብ ነዛ ክትወጽእ እንከለኻ ነቲ ሙቐት ናብ 60 ዲግሪ እንተኣውረድካዮ ገንዘብ ትቑጥብ ኢኻ። ኣብ እዋን ዝሑል ኩነታት ኣየር ንመሳኹቲ ከፊትካ ኣይትግደፍ።
- 10. ተኸታታሊ (ማናጀር) ጉዳይካ ኣጠቓ፝ቒማ ናይቲ ናውቲ መጠንቀቒ ትኪ ከርእየካ እዩ። ንሱ ዘይሰርሕ ምስዝኸውን ንምልክት ትኪ ወይ ሓዊ ተቛመት። ብቐሊሉ ከተጥፍኦ ዘይትኽእሎ ሓዊ ምስ ዘጋጥመካ ካብ ኣፓርትመንትኻ ውጻእም 9ነነ ደዊልካ "ሓዊ "በሎም እቲ ኣድራሻ ከኣ ንግሮም።
- 11. ተኸታታሊ(ማናጀር) ጉዳይካ ምናልባት ነቲ ናይ ቅድሚት ማዕጾ ምጥቃም ዘይከላል እንተኾነ ኣብ ግዜ ሓደ*ጋ* ሓዊ እትጥቀመሉ መውጽኢ ክንልጸልካ እዩ።
- 12. ብዛዕባ ረፍሪጀረተርን ፍሪዘርን ዝምልከት ፍሪዘር ኣዚዩ ዝሑል ኮይኑ ደረቐ መግቢ ከም ስጋ፡ ዓሳ፡ኣሕምልቲ፡ በረድ ንምዝሓል(ንምብራድ) ከኣ ይጠቅም። እንቋቑሑ፡ ኮሚደረ፡ መስተ ኣብ ፍሪዘር ኣይተእቱ። ንመግቢ ደጊምካ ኣይተዝሕል(ኣይተብርዶ)።
- 13. ተኸታታሊ(ጣናጀር) ጉዳይካ ርስሓትን ጎሓፍን ብኸመይ ኣብ ውሽጢ ክእከቡ ከምዘለዎም ክንልጸልካ እዩ። መዓስን ብኸመይን ናብ ዝእለዩሉ ቦታ ከምትወስዶምውን ከረድኣካ'ዩ።
- 15. ኤጀንሲ ዝኸፈለልካ ክራይ ግዝይሉ ምስተወድኤ ናይቲ ኣፓርትመንት ወርሓዊ ክራይ ናይ ምኽፋል ሓላፍነት ናትካ ናይ ተኻራያይ እዩ። በቲ ናይ ክራይ ውዕል ድማ ክትቅየድ ኣለካ። ንኣብነት እቲ ውዕል ክራይ ንሓደ ዓመት እንተድኣ ኮይኑ እቲ ዓመት ከይተወድኤ ብዘይፍቓድ እቲ ወናኒ ኣፓርትመንት ክትወጽእ ወይከኣ ናብ ካልእ ክፍልታት ኬድካ ምኽፋል ክራይ ጠጠው ከተብል ኣይትኽእልን ኢኻ። ውዕል ክራይካ ዝውዳኣሱ ዕለት ጽሒፍካ ሓዞ።
- 16. እትጥቀመሉ ወርሓዊ ዓውደኣዋርሕ ይሃሉኻ። ኣብ ማዕጶ ረፍሪኟሬተርካ ምቐጣጡ ዝሓሽ ቦታ እዩ።
- 17. ኩሉባዜ ክራይ ዝሽፌልካሉ ክፍሊት ሓዝ። ብጥረ ገንዘብ ዘይኮነስ ብቸክ ወይ ብጣኒ ኦርደር ምሽፋል እቲ ዝበለጸ እዩ።