

Apartment living is fun and exciting – especially for the first-time renter. There are, however, certain differences as it pertains to safety, between living in an apartment and living in a house. There are a few things that you should be prepared for and habits that you can develop to ensure that you are making your stay in an apartment as safe as possible. Here are a few tips to help ensure that you are maintaining a safe environment and habits while living in an apartment.

Be Alert

One of the best habits that you can develop in order to ensure your safety is to be watchful. As you are walking from your parking spot to your apartment, try to limit the number of distractions that you may have so that you can maintain safety. Avoid talking on your cell phone so that you are able to make sure that there are no immediate threats and no one can sneak up on you. If you have a lot of things to carry in, try making several trips so that you are able to keep a free hand to defend yourself if needed. Try to vary your routine, so that your movements are not so predictable.

Know your neighborhood

You should always pay attention to your surroundings and get used to the people that live in the apartments around you. In addition, you should know the typical cars that park near you if you have assigned parking spaces. You always want to be able to identify an unfamiliar face or unauthorized vehicle. Get to know your neighbors even if it is only their faces. Also, if your apartment community has on-site security, get to know the guards that patrol. Not only will this help you learn the faces that should be around you, but it will also allow your neighbors to become familiar with you as well. This way, they are more capable of recognizing when someone or something is out of place at your apartment.