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Rental Move-In and Move-Out Checklist

Print one copy for move-in and one for move-out. Matching photos and notes from both dates are strong evidence in any deposit dispute.

Name: _____ Date: _____ Case/claim no.: _____

Every room

- [ ] Walls and ceilings: holes, stains, paint
- [ ] Floors and carpets: stains, scratches, wear
- [ ] Doors, locks and windows, including screens and blinds
- [ ] Light fixtures, switches and outlets
- [ ] Smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Kitchen

- [ ] Refrigerator, stove, oven and dishwasher work and are clean
- [ ] Sink, faucet and disposal
- [ ] Cabinets, drawers and countertops

Bathrooms

- [ ] Toilet, sink, tub and shower work and drain
- [ ] Signs of mold or water damage
- [ ] Fans, mirrors and fixtures

Move-in paperwork

- [ ] Signed lease and all addenda
- [ ] Receipt for the security deposit and where it is held, if required
- [ ] Signed condition report
- [ ] Date-stamped photos and video
- [ ] Landlord's contact information for repairs

Move-out

- [ ] Written notice given on time
- [ ] Unit cleaned and your damage repaired
- [ ] New photos and video of every room
- [ ] All keys and remotes returned with a receipt
- [ ] Forwarding address given in writing
- [ ] Calendar reminder for your state's deposit return deadline

Tips

- Normal wear and tear generally cannot be deducted from a deposit.
- Report repair problems in writing during the tenancy so they are not blamed on you later.

Notes