8 Rules for Smart Renters in Alberta

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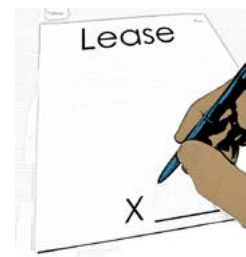## Rule 1: Know Who You Are Living With Before You Move in Together

Why? You will be spending 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 problems in the future.

Rule 2: Write it Down

Why? Verbal agreements are hard to prove. You'll be more protected if you have a written lease. If you have a problem in your place, then you should tell your landlord in writing.

Rule 3: Go to Inspections with Your Landlord

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

Rule 4: Don't Pay Cash

Why? 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 have to 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

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

Rule 6: Keep Papers and Notices

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

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

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

Rule 8: Know Your Rights and the Law

Why? So that you know if your landlord is doing something wrong. There are a lot of places that can tell you about the law.

For more information, visit:
Laws for Landlord & Tenants in Alberta: www.landlordandtenant.org
Service Alberta: www.servicealberta.ca or call 1-877-427-4088

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