Before you sign a lease

Use this at the showing. Test the details that shape daily life, then confirm the promises in writing.

The agreement

[ ] Rent, currency, deposit, term, and maintenance fees are clear.

[ ] The person receiving payment is identified and authorized to rent.

[ ] Parking, pets, repairs, furnishings, and included utilities are written down.

[ ] You can review the lease and keep signed copies and receipts.

Water, power, internet

[ ] Test shower pressure, hot water, faucets, toilets, and drains.

[ ] Ask about a tinaco, cistern, pump, outages, and who maintains them.

[ ] Test outlets and lights; ask about separate meters and utility balances.

[ ] Confirm an internet provider serves this exact unit; test cell reception.

The building and street

[ ] Inspect locks, lighting, stairs, access, drainage, noise, and existing damage.

[ ] See the actual parking space and test whether your vehicle fits.

[ ] Visit at the time you would normally come home.

[ ] Test the real route to work, school, or the crossing.

Before paying

[ ] Photograph condition, inventory, and meters.

[ ] Write down repairs, deadlines, and responsibility for payment.

[ ] Keep total move-in costs separate from your monthly budget.

[ ] Resolve unanswered questions before handing over money.



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