

# Community Housing:

- Community housing is any housing option (including apartments, condos, or houses) that is NOT contracted with BYU. Landlords in community housing may rent to students, non-students, families, and people of all ages.
- Students in their first two semesters at BYU should NOT sign contracts with community housing without prior written approval from the BYU Off-Campus Housing Office (see petition form [here](#)). Students in their first two semesters at BYU are required to live in on-campus housing, contracted off-campus housing, or with [qualified family members](#). See BYU housing policy [here](#).
- Community housing landlords are unable to use the BYU Student Landlord Agreement.
- Community Housing may be available through social media sites, property rental sites, or the Daily Universe's yearly Housing Guide.
- To dos BEFORE signing a contract in Community Housing:

Please check (✓) and DO NOT SKIP ANY OF THESE STEPS

- ☐ Determine what your needs are. This could include price (rent, utilities, fees, etc.), location, contract release clauses, private room vs shared room, amenities, parking, number of roommates, complex size, etc.
- ☐ Speak with previous tenants about their experience living at the housing unit or search for reviews online. Do your research.
- ☐ Ask your landlord ALL questions listed here ([Landlord Questions](#))
- ☐ Visit the apartment in person before committing to the contract. If you are unable to go yourself, have a trusted individual visit the apartment to verify it meets your needs.
- ☐ Find roommates that you hope to share an apartment with or find out who your roommates will be and confirm they are willing to follow the same standards you have committed to keep as a BYU student. Remember, all BYU students agree to live with roommates of the same sex assigned at birth.
- ☐ Read the agreement they have provided you in its entirety and clarify any section you may not understand. Any changes to the contract should be in writing at the time of signing. If the contract does not fit your needs, keep searching!