



## Tips for showing rental property

- Whenever possible, show property by appointment. **Do not accept walk-ins after hours.**
- Let callers know you require valid picture identification before you show property. It may serve as a deterrent to an assault, since they can be identified. Preferable identifications: driver's license or passport. **Do not accept any form of identification other than a government issued ID card.** State law requires that applicants for a driver's license or Minnesota ID prove their identity.
- Get home, cell and work phone numbers from potential renters. Call back to verify appointments. This will also help verify that applicants really live and work where they say they do.
- When showing a unit, try to have another person with you besides the prospective renters.
- If that isn't possible, make sure someone knows where you are going. Tell someone in the office, "I'm going to show apartment #702. I'll be back in 10 minutes." Introduce applicants to a resident so more people know who they are and what they look like.
- As you walk toward the unit, inform the potential tenant that you have an organized building, and the people watch out for each other.
- Carry a screech alarm and a cell phone. Don't hesitate to call 9-1-1 for police assistance if you need it.
- Bring a doorstop with you and prop open the apartment door.
- Stand near the exit. Let prospective renters look through the unit. Don't let them get between you and the exit.
- If the unit is still occupied, you may want the current resident or someone else present to make sure nothing is disturbed.



These precautions may both deter an assault and indicate to potential renter that you are concerned about safety and security in your building. All these suggested practices can be carried out quickly and unobtrusively.

Contact your crime prevention specialist for additional prevention information. Call 311 (or 612-673-3000) or see [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/docs/safe-staff-map.pdf](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/outreach/docs/safe-staff-map.pdf) to locate your neighborhood crime prevention specialist.

For further crime prevention resources, please visit [www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention](http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/police/crime-prevention).



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**Somali:** Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500

**Hmong:** Ceeb toom. Yog koj xav tau kev pab txhais cov xov no rau koj dawb, hu 612-673-2800

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