

Additional Resources for
Tulane University Off-Campus Living 101 Webinar
Thursday, November 18, 2021, 5:00 pm Central

Think through and prepare for the additional responsibilities associated with living off-campus successfully requires:

- x Being considerate and assertive enough to negotiate living arrangements with several roommates
- x Being assertive and conscientious enough to effectively communicate with landlords, utility companies, repair people, etc.
- x Being a mature, considerate neighbor. The area around campus is not all students. There are residents of all ages nearby, including many families and elderly residents.
- x Managing time and energy to handle extra responsibilities along with [academic load, curricular commitments, possible graduate/professional school applications or post-college job search]

Safety Considerations When Evaluating a Potential Apartment

- x Try to visit or observe the property during the day and after dark. Is there adequate lighting at the property? Would you feel comfortable walking between your vehicle or the street to the apartment entrance?
- x Is the landscaping and foliage around the property kept trimmed so that pathways, entrances, and windows are unobstructed?
- x Does the apartment already have an alarm, door camera and/or security camera? If not, would the landlord add one? (State any additions in the lease and have both parties sign.)
- x Are there two exits to the property? (required by fire code)
- x Do all doors and windows have sturdy locks?
- x <https://publicsafety.tulane.edu/sites/g/files/rdw1216/f/walk-the-wave-way.pdf>
- x It is mandatory to register your bicycle with Campus Services. We also recommend the use of a "U-lock" when securing bicycles and to secure it to a bike rack whenever possible.
- x When parking your vehicle, always remember to remove items of value from plain sight. Always lock the vehicle whenever it is unattended.

Leases

explicitly includes provisions for alternative housing if the property is not habitable by the occupancy date.

Understand that

Emergency Preparedness and Response

If you are living off-campus, you are responsible for making your own emergency plans, including:

- x sheltering-in-place emergency supplies (food, water, batteries, etc.)
- x evacuation budget for transportation, lodging, parking and pet care/evacuation plans if you choose to or are required to evacuate New Orleans

Refer to these resources for emergency preparation and response recommendations including mobile apps:

- x **Off-Campus Living Guide 2021 version**
https://governmentrelations.tulane.edu/sites/governmentrelations.tulane.edu/files/Campus_guide_2021_web.pdf
- x Tulane University Emergency Preparedness and Response <https://emergencyprep.tulane.edu/>
<https://emergencyprep.tulane.edu/considerations-for-your-personal-evacuation-plan>
- x City of New Orleans NOLA Ready website <https://ready.nola.gov/home/>
- x State of Louisiana Emergency resources <https://getagameplan.org/>

Renter's Insurance

Students should check their own residences. Check your own policy. Use other options to consider:

- x Enterprise Risk Services offers suggestions at <https://risk.tulane.edu/content/personal>

Apartment