GUARD YOUR SECURITY/DAMAGE DEPOSIT

WHEN MOVING IN, take stock of the condition of your unit:

1. You can get an “Apartment Condition Checklist” from the Tenant Union office, 326 Illini Union, or their website www.tenantunion.uiuc.edu. If there are problems, take/send a copy to your landlord with a written request to repair/fix the deficiencies. Keep a copy of both the checklist AND your letter!

2. Take pictures! If you have a video camera, take a video.

3. Be sure to keep the “checklist”, your copy of the letter, and your pictures/video in a safe place to take stock again at the end of your rental period.

WHILE LIVING IN YOUR UNIT, TAKE CARE OF YOUR LIVING SPACE! Keep it clean; clean it when you leave.

AFTER YOU MOVE OUT, OR REGARDING YOUR PREVIOUS LEASE, come in to Student Legal Service to set up an appointment with an attorney if:

a. you do not receive a list of deductions from your deposit with documentation within 30 days of the end of your lease,

b. you do not get your deposit back within 45 days of the end of your lease, or

c. you believe the deductions made from your deposit are unwarranted (bring in your checklist, letter, photos, video, any communication from the landlord).