Campus Resources:

Student Legal Service
324 Illini Union
www.odos.illinois.edu/sls

Tenant Union
326 Illini Union
217-333-0112
www.tenantunion.illinois.edu

Office of Dean of Students/Emergency Dean
300 Turner Student Services Building*
217-333-0050
www.odos.illinois.edu

New Student Programs
300 Turner Student Services Building*
217-333-4057
www.odos.illinois.edu/newstudent

LGBT Concerns Office
323 Illini Union
217-244-8863
studentaffairs.illinois.edu/diversity/lgbt/index.html

Office of International Students and Scholar Services
400 Turner Student Services Building*
217-333-1303
www.isss.illinois.edu

Counseling Center
212 Turner Student Services Building*
217-333-3704
www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu

* 610 East John St., Champaign, corner of 6th and John Streets

The information contained herein is not intended as a substitute for legal advice. Students who are confronted with legal problems or who need specific advice are encouraged to seek assistance from a licensed attorney at Student Legal Service.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE
324 Illini Union
www.odos.illinois.edu/sls
Office hours:
8:30am-Noon & 1:00-4:30pm, M-F
PAID FOR BY SORF
1. Get it in writing!
   → Verbal/oral agreements are difficult to prove and even more difficult to enforce.
   → Leases and any changes to leases should always be in writing and each party should keep a copy.

2. Get insurance!
   → Auto insurance – it’s the law.
   → Renter’s insurance – protects your stuff and the cost is low! The landlord is NOT an insurer of your personal items.

3. Don’t pay that ticket until you talk to a lawyer!
   → It’s NOT true that all tickets can be beat, but many times an attorney can help you find a better choice than a conviction on your driving record.
   → When two or more tickets are issued in the same traffic stop, sometimes one of them could possibly be dismissed.

4. Don’t lend money you can’t afford to live without!
   → Most loans between friends, acquaintances and romantic partners are never paid back and difficult to enforce in court.
   → If a friend needs $500 or $1,000 to pay the late rent or overdue bills, what makes you think you’ll be paid back?

5. If it sounds too good to be true... it is!
   → Prizes, internet inheritances, internet lottery winnings – DELETE these email scams immediately.
   → If someone is trying to sell you a “good” used car “as is”, you can be sure it will have lots of problems. Have it checked out by a mechanic before you put any money down.

6. Protect your Credit Record.
   → Don’t purchase what you can’t afford to pay off in 3 months or less.
   → Check your bank account and credit card statement every month for errors; millions are made by cheats because people don’t want to dispute 3¢ added to a debit/charge.

7. What you “think” you know can hurt you.
   → “The cop lied to me so the charges can be beat.”
     = Cops can lie. It is YOU who must tell the truth, so keep your mouth shut!
   → “If I don’t move in after signing the lease, I am out of the contract.”
     = NO!! Not on this planet!

8. There are no stupid questions.
   → Are SLS attorneys “real attorneys”?
     Yes! But our feelings are not hurt if you think we’re young enough to be student-attorneys!
   → Can I cancel my lease within three days of signing?

   → Over 2,000 students each year need a Student Legal Service attorney in addition to countless students using private attorneys.
   → “My Mom is an attorney.” Do you really want mom to know about your underage drinking ticket? Attorney-client privilege forbids sharing your information without your written permission.

10. There are people at the University who care!

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