



## would you sign this rental agreement?

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### directions

Use the following rental agreement form to answer the following questions.

1. Except in an emergency, how much notice must the landlord give you before entering your apartment?
2. What must you do if you want to alter the apartment in any way?
3. Under what circumstances may the landlord withhold your security deposit?
4. After you move out of the apartment, how long does the landlord have to return your security deposit (assuming you leave the apartment clean and in good condition)?
5. What recourse, if any, does the landlord have if you sublease the apartment without prior consent?
6. You rent the apartment with a friend, and you both sign the rental agreement. Then, you decide to move out but do not notify the landlord. At a later date, your former roommate defaults on the rent. Can the landlord hold you legally responsible?
7. Is there anything in this rental agreement you would change?
8. Is there anything you would want to add to this rental agreement?

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## rental agreement (month-to-month)

This agreement is entered into this 23rd day of January, 2008, by and between Jim Cook "Owner" (Landlord) and Sarah White "Resident" (Tenant), hereafter referred to as "the parties."

### IN CONSIDERATION OF THEIR MUTUAL PROMISES THE PARTIES AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Owner rents to Resident(s) and Resident(s) rents from Owner, for residential use only, the following "premises" known as: 325 Shady Lane, Fremont, California.
2. Rent is due in advance of the first day of each and every month, at \$500.00 per month, beginning on the first day of February 2008. If any rent shall be due and unpaid five (5) or more days after the due date, or if default shall be made by Resident(s) in any of the other covenants herein contained, then Owner, at his option, may terminate the tenancy by law.
3. Owner is given the right to enter and/or inspect the apartment for the following purposes:
  - (a) In case of emergency.
  - (b) To make necessary repairs or improvements, supply necessary services, or exhibit the dwelling unit to prospective or actual purchasers, tenants, or contractors.
  - (c) When Resident(s) has abandoned or surrendered the premises. Except in cases of emergency, or if it is impractical to do so, Owner shall give Resident(s) reasonable notice of his intent to enter. Twenty-four hours shall be presumed to be reasonable notice.
4. No pets, barbecues, or dangerous items shall be kept or allowed in or about the premises without Owner's written permission.
5. No alterations or decorations shall be made by Resident(s) without Owner's prior written consent. Any improvements to the premises shall become property of Owner at the end of the tenancy.
6. Resident(s) shall pay for any damage or injury to any portion of the premises, common areas, furnishings, fixtures, or appliances, or for personal injury caused by Resident(s).
7. Resident(s) shall pay for all utilities, services, and charges, if any, made payable by or predicated upon occupancy of Resident(s), except monthly water and garbage bills.
8. Resident(s) shall deposit with Owner, as a security deposit, the sum of \$500.00. Owner may claim and withhold from the security deposit only such amounts as are reasonably necessary to remedy Resident's defaults as follows:
  - (a) in the payment of rent; or
  - (b) to repair damages to the premises, if necessary, upon termination of the tenancy. No later than two weeks after Resident(s) has vacated the premises, Owner shall furnish Resident(s) with an itemized written statement of the basis and the amount of any security and shall return any remaining portion of such security to Resident(s).
9. Resident(s) shall neither assign nor sublet these premises or any part thereof or otherwise permit others to occupy the apartment without written consent of Owner. This clause is a special consideration for this contract and its violation shall result in termination of this contract.
10. The undersigned Resident(s), whether or not in actual possession of the premises, are jointly and severally liable for all obligations under this rental agreement.

### The undersigned Resident(s) acknowledges having read and understood the foregoing.

**Owner**  
Jim Cook

**Resident**  
Sarah White

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signature

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signature