Checklist for Final Inspection of the House

1. OUTSIDE
   o Lawn maintenance/Snow removal issues?
   o Lighting/Parking?

2. DOORS
   o Deadbolts?
   o Door Viewers?

3. WINDOWS
   o Condition of windows?
   o Screens/Locks?
   o Subject to easy entry?

4. KITCHEN
   o Stove/Oven/Microwave? Refrigerator? Dishwasher? Garbage Disposal?
   o Turn everything on—
     ▪ Do all the burners on the stove work?
     ▪ Does the oven work?
     ▪ Does the dishwasher work?

5. LAUNDRY
   o Washer/Dryer. If none, are there hookups?
   o If no laundry on site, how close is the nearest laundromat?

6. BATHROOM
   o Sink (water pressure)?
   o Bathtub/Shower (drain/water pressure)?
   o Turn on the faucets and check for yourself.

7. BEDROOMS
   o Bed/Mattress?
   o Noisy surroundings?
8. BASEMENT
  o Leaks/Mildew/Mold?

9. GENERAL LIVING AREAS
  o Furniture condition (if furnished)?
    o TV (cable, etc.)
    o Telephone?
    o Condition of walls/ceilings/floors?
    o Issues with pests/termites?

10. HEATING/COOLING
    o Type of air conditioner?
    o Age/Condition of furnace?
    o Who do you call if one of these systems breaks or stops working?
    o How quickly will someone be scheduled to fix the problem?

11. FIRE SAFETY
    o Do the smoke detectors have batteries?
    o Are the fire extinguishers charged?
    o Is the home safety system tied into local fire department?

12. SECURITY SYSTEM
    o Stand-alone system or connected to local authorities?

MOST IMPORTANT:
Photograph it.
Take pictures of the apartment/house as you perform an inspection. Make sure that you take photographs of any damage found in the apartment/house. These photos may be your only evidence if you and the landlord disagree about who is responsible for damage.