

# **Global Gathering Place**

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## Renting a place to live in Saskatoon

#### Where to start your search:

- Websites like <u>rentals.ca/saskatoon</u>, <u>rentfaster.</u>
   <u>ca/sk/saskatoon</u>, <u>kijiji.ca</u>, Facebook Marketplace,
   <u>apartments.com/saskatoon-sk</u>, or do a website
   search on "Saskatoon rental properties."
- Watch for "For Rent" signs posted on buildings and houses you pass by

#### Things to consider:

- What is the cost of rent each month? Can you afford it?
- Location —is it close to a bus, shopping, schools, doctor's office, or hospital?
- How many bedrooms does it have?
- Does the accommodation price include the cost of power, energy, and water?
- Are there laundry facilities in the building?
- Are the appliances (fridge, stove, dishwasher) included in the monthly rental cost?
- How much is the damage deposit?
- If you smoke, ask the landlord if smoking is permitted on the property.
- Is the property is clean and in good condition?
- Tell the landlord the exact number of people who will be living in the accommodation.

#### **Fraudulent listings**

Beware of fraudulent listings. Some listings may be fake and typically aim to steal money from interested renters. They'll try to get you to pay for a security deposit or a move-in fee without ever seeing the apartment or rental unit.

The best ways to avoid being defrauded is to thoroughly investigate the rental listing, meet the landlord in person and see the property in person. Do not send money without taking these steps first.

### Agencies to call for Low Income Housing Information:

## **Provincial Housing Information Hotline** 1-888-346-6307

This agency provides referrals and information about government programs, community-based organizations, and student services for low income individuals and families.

#### **Saskatoon Housing Authority**

525 24th Street East

306-668-2700

Rental rates are based on household income for low income families.

There is a waiting list for these properties so the sooner you put your name on the list, the better.

#### SaskNative Rentals Inc.

1715 11th Street West

306-653-0384

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To get a City of Saskatoon Housing Handbook, go to the website: <a href="https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/housing-property/attainable-housing/attainable-housing-strategy-and-resources">https://www.saskatoon.ca/services-residents/housing-property/attainable-housing-attainable-housing-strategy-and-resources</a>

