

WHAT ARE MY PRIVACY RIGHTS AS A TENANT?

Tenants have a right to privacy in their apartments. The landlord may enter the tenant's apartment at a reasonable time and with prior notice in order to:

- Make repairs
- Show the apartment to prospective renters and buyers
- Do other activities mentioned in the lease

- In emergencies the landlord may enter the tenant's apartment without the tenant's consent (example: fire, burst pipes)

CAN I CHANGE LOCKS OR PUT A CHAIN ON MY APARTMENT DOOR?

- A tenant can put a chain on the door.
- Tenants of multiple dwelling complexes can install their own locks with the landlord's permission
- The landlord is entitled to a key (Multiple Dwelling Law 51-C)

DO I HAVE TO LIVE IN A DUMP?

Tenants have the right to a liveable, safe, sanitary apartment (Real Property Law 235-b).