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House Viewing Crib Sheet

1. How do I report an issue or request repairs?
2. Are bills included?
3. Is the contract an assured periodic tenancy, common law tenancy or something else?
4. Is the accommodation provider accredited by LU Homes?
5. If there is a deposit: how much is it, when do I pay it and where is it held?
6. Is there a holding deposit?
7. Can I see a copy of the contract I'll have to sign?
8. Can I talk to any current tenants during my visit?

Are you ready?

- [ ] Have you thought about exactly what you're looking for in a house?
- [ ] Have you checked out the LU Homes Accreditation Scheme? Take a look at all the homes on **lancasteruniversityhomes.co.uk**
- [ ] Have you attended the Lancaster University Homes Housing Fair?
- [ ] Have you found people you would like to live with?
- [ ] Have you booked viewings with several properties accredited by **LU Homes**?
- [ ] Have you checked if you need a guarantor, and claimed their permission?
- [ ] Have you had your contract checked by the lovely people in LUSU Advice? Why not email **lusuadvice@lancaster.ac.uk** for some help!
- [ ] Have you thought about the rent and bills in total and whether it's in your budget?
- [ ] Have you considered local amenities, travel times to the University and if you require parking?
- [ ] Have you made sure it is the property you want and you are happy with the contract?

Remember:

There's no rush! There are plenty of good student homes in Lancaster, so make sure that you're happy with your future housemates and everything about the house before you sign anything. Your contract is legally binding and the duration of it depends on the type of contract. So, make sure you read everything carefully and take your time.

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Need more information on contracts and renters' rights? Scan the QR code or visit lusu.co.uk and search Renters Rights