

Tips for interviewing landlords:

Before you pick up the phone to call a potential landlord write down what you are going to say. Here are some examples:

1. Hello, my name is _____ and I am interested in the apartment you have advertised. Is the place still available?
2. Could you please confirm that the rent is \$_____ and includes _____
3. Is there a time today or tomorrow that I could come to see the place?
4. Thank you very much. I look forward to meeting you.
5. Use this space to write down anything else you might want to ask or say:

When you meet with the landlord, they may ask you some personal questions. Here are some ideas of how you can respond:

1. I understand your concern but I am a very private person and I prefer not to discuss my personal life.
2. Are there specific things that you need to know to feel secure about renting me your place?
3. What I CAN tell you is that I pay my rent on time, I am quiet and responsible and I will take good care of your place.
4. Use this space to write down other things that you might want to say when the landlord asks personal questions:

Some landlords choose not to rent to people on SA. This is illegal and if a landlord tells you that they won't rent to you because you are on SA it is a good idea to remind them of the law and to assure them that because you are on SA they are guaranteed to receive the rent on time and in full every month. **If you feel that you are still being discriminated against, please contact the Human Rights Commission to talk to someone about what you can do. Their phone number is 667-4637**

Practice what you are going to say before you make the call!