

Make a good impression

When you are trying to find a place to rent, you may be competing with many other people also interested in the same rental property.

Lessors, and real estate agents acting on behalf of lessors, will decide whether your application will be accepted.

It is important when showing an interest in a rental property that you give yourself the best possible chance of success by making an effort to create a good impression.

To make a good impression:

- Dress neatly, as if you are going for a job interview.
- Be on time or early for appointments and open inspections.
- Go alone or take only your partner or co-tenants to appointments and inspections so you can give the lessor/agent your complete attention.
- Respect the property that you are visiting.
- Introduce yourself by name.
- Answer questions politely.
- Have a list of any questions you want to ask about the property.
- Take photocopies of all documents (ID, references) and a pen so you can complete an application straight away if you like the property. If you decide to lodge your application, make sure you have provided all of the necessary documentation — it is best if the lessor/agent does not have to contact you for more information.

When you apply for a property, the lessor or agent will check your references and whether you are listed on a tenancy database. If you know that you are listed on a tenancy database, it is best to tell the agent this and explain why you are listed.

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Visit www.housing.qld.gov.au/contact/offices/index.htm for the contact details of your nearest Housing Service Centre or 1300 880 882.

