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Guaranteed Housing
Double-check your admissions letter to see if you have 3 or 4 years of on-campus housing.

First-Year Student Info
Three Years of Guaranteed Housing?
If so, you will spend junior year living off campus. This year is non-transferable, however there is no residency requirement and students can live off campus any year.
Living off campus outside the junior year is atypical.

Transfer Student Info
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Transfer students have one year of guaranteed housing and will live off campus for their remaining time at Boston College.
Please see the " Lease Signing Timeline" section.

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"No More Than Four"
A group of five or more students sharing an apartment, single-family house, or any other dwelling is a violation of the City of Boston Zoning Code.

We recommend limiting groups to four tenants.

Using a Rental Agent?
At minimum, before signing you MUST...
1. See the unit.
2. Read the lease.

Using an agent? Shop around. Find one you trust.
Never sign a lease under pressure.

When to Sign a Lease

First-Year Students
Many students feel pressured to sign onto a house for junior year during their first year on campus.

This is NOT RECOMMENDED.

Most will sign a lease in the spring of their sophomore year after junior-year study abroad decisions have been made.

Transfer Students
You should aim to sign a lease ~3 months prior to your scheduled move-in date.

You will need to begin your search this year.

Housing Database
Logging in with their Agora credentials, students can...
- Review apartment listings.
- Add a sublet listing.
- Create a roommate profile.
- Access resources.

We recommend students live in apartment buildings as opposed to houses, duplexes, etc. These spaces see fewer off-campus incidents that may adversely impact the student tenants.

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