

# WELCOME!













### CAMPUS AREA HOUSING





- UW-Madison's official source for off-campus housing
- Searchable database of campus area rentals in the greater Madison area







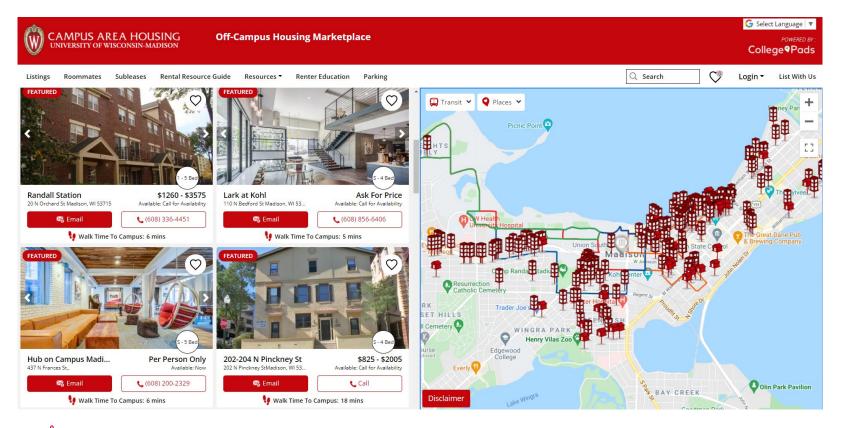






## **CAH WEBSITE**

campusareahousing.wisc.edu















#### **Quick Facts:**

- Campus area leases typically run mid-August to mid-August
- Potential Options:
  - Flexible/Short Term Lease
  - Sublet













# How to Find Flexible/Short Term Leases:

- Campus Area Housing website
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party websites
- Contacting property managers directly
- Properties offering short term lease options
- Extended stay hotels













## SUBLETTING

- What is a sublet?
- Timing of UW-Madison student sublets
- Where to search for sublets?
  - Subleases page on campusareahousing.wisc.edu
  - New UW-Madison Sublet and Roommate Board – Facebook

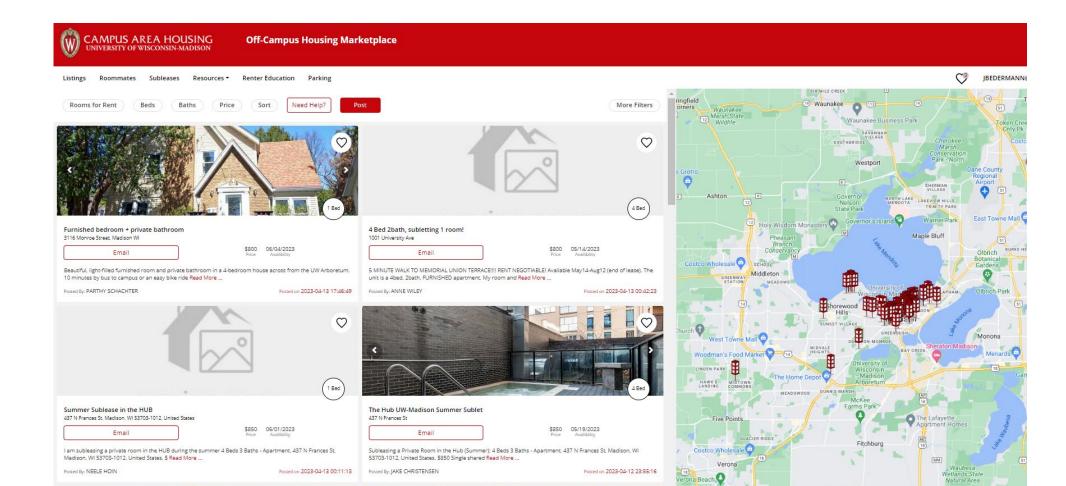






















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### HOUSING SCAMS

- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Do not send or accept payment from anyone without vetting them first.
- Scammers often:
  - Target online social apps and websites.
  - Spend time developing rapport with their victims before convincing them to send money.
  - Create a sense of urgency to get their victims to pay large amounts of money.













### Housing Scams

#### Tips from the Madison Police Department:

- Make contact in-person if possible.
- Attempt to only make contact with property managers and individuals that are authorized to lease an apartment by using online reviews or company websites to verify.
- Remember to be mindful of the price the apartment is listed for and compare it to market value.













# Types of Rentals

#### Rental Types:

- Houses
- Apartments
- Co-ops









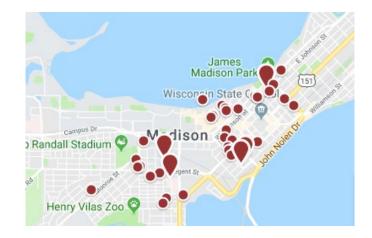






#### **FACTORS AFFECTING RENT**

- Location
- Age of property
- Size of rental
- Lease length
- Number of occupants
- Utilities
- Parking
- Additional amenities

















# TRANSPORTATION





# Parking typically is not included in rent near campus

Privately owned space

- \$85-\$200 / month
- Parking listings on website

#### Other Transportation Options

- Bike friendly city
- Madison Metro Transit













#### HOUSE HUNTING TIPS

- Research
- Personally inspect the unit
- Sublet Agreements
  - Tenant Resource Center
  - tenantresourcecenter.org/



#### **Apartment Touring Checklist**

Here are some things to keep in mind when looking at apartments to prevent potential issues. Where you live is a big decision, and your comfort at 'home' does impact your academics.

- □ Take a friend Never tour an apartment / house alone.
- ☐ Check your cell reception in the apartment-can you send and receive texts and calls? (test it out!)
- Does the cold and hot water work? Check all of the faucets and the showers (turn them on!)
- □ Do all of the locks and deadbolts work, and do the bolts stick out at least 1 inch?
- Do windows open and close properly?
- □ Do smoke detectors work? (Test it!)
- ☐ Check out the area at night (take a friend!) to see if it's well lit and to get a feel for the environment.
- What is the average heat / electric bill?
- Does the door peephole work?
- Do the toilets flush? (Flush them!)
- □ Do the appliances work? Turn them on to make sure!
- ☐ Are there enough electrical outlets throughout? Do they work? (Hint: Bring your phone charger and plug it
- □ Do all of the lights work in all of the rooms? Do the fans in the bathrooms work?
- Does the apartment have enough storage space?
- ☐ If you're really interested in a property:

   Ask for a sample lease <u>and attachments</u>. This will give you a chance to review the documents

  - Read carefully! Pay very special attention to "Non-standard Lease Terms"
  - Consider asking the current tenants how their experience with the owner/ management has been. Are they prompt to handle repairs?
  - Contact the City of Madison Building Inspection Unit to ask about building code violations.
  - Contact Madison Gas & Electric about average heating / electric costs at: (608) 252-7222

Questions? Contact Campus Area Housing at 608/263-2452. A student service of:











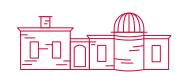




# MOVING IN/OUT

- Parking
- Complete a check-in/out form
- Take pictures and videos
- Understand the lease end details
- Take all your property with you















# RESOURCES

1. Renters Insurance:



2. Safety

UW Police Department www.uwpd.wisc.edu

3. Tenant Resources & Responsibilities

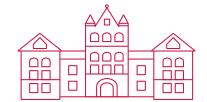
Tenant Resource Center www.tenantresourcecenter.org

4. Madison Gas & Electric

(MG&E) www.mge.com

5. Internet Options













# THANK YOU!

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