

Property Types & Definitions

Apartment - An individual unit with a private bathroom, living room, sometimes dining room, and bedroom(s).

Condominium - A multi-unit property in which a different owner can own each unit. A condominium comes in various forms, e.g. townhouse, apartment, house.

Duplex/Town House - An apartment having rooms on two floors that are connected by a staircase.

Half Double - This is a house divided into two units standing side-by-side.

House - This generally refers to a dwelling that one person/family or a group of people would rent in order to live together. A house typically has 3 or more bedrooms, with at least one bathroom, kitchen, living room, sometimes a family room, sometimes a dining room, and often a basement.

Room in a Private Home - This generally refers to a property that the owner lives in and is renting out a bedroom. You would usually have access to the common areas of the property.

Rooming House - A room in a multi-bedroom house. You would have your own bedroom, typically with a lock and key to the door. You would share common areas, such as the kitchen and the bathroom, with other tenants.

Studio/Efficiency - An apartment usually containing only a single room plus kitchen and bathroom. Some studios will have small alcoves that can be used as sleeping or studying space.

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