Campus Resources:

Student Legal Service

324 Illini Union www.odos.illinois.edu/sls

Tenant Union

326 Illini Union 217-333-0112 www.tenantunion.illinois.edu

Office of Dean of Students/Emergency Dean

300 Turner Student Services Building* 217-333-0050 www.odos.illinois.edu

New Student Programs

300 Turner Student Services Building* 217-333-4057 www.odos.illinois.edu/newstudent

LGBT Concerns Office

323 Illini Union 217-244-8863 studentaffairs.illinois.edu/diversity/lgbt/index.html

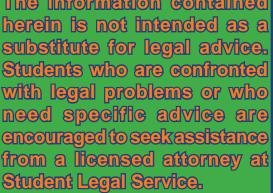
Office of International Students and Scholar Services

400 Turner Student Services Building* 217-333-1303 www.isss.illinois.edu

Counseling Center

212 Turner Student Services Building* 217-333-3704 www.counselingcenter.illinois.edu

* 610 East John St., Champaign, corner of 6th and John Streets The information contained substitute for legal advice. Students who are confronted Student Legal Service.





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1. Get it in writing!

- ightarrow Verbal/oral agreements are difficult to prove and even more difficult to enforce.
- ightarrow Leases and any changes to leases should always be in writing and each party should keep a copy.

2. Get insurance!

- → Auto insurance it's the law.
- → Renter's insurance protects your stuff and the cost is low! The landlord is NOT an insurer of your personal items.

3. Don't pay that ticket until you talk to a lawyer!

- → It's NOT true that all tickets can be beat, but many times an attorney can help you find a better choice than a conviction on your driving record.
- → When two or more tickets are issued in the same traffic stop, sometimes one of them could possibly be dismissed.

4. <u>Don't lend money you</u> can't afford to live without!

- → Most loans between friends, acquaintances and romantic partners are never paid back and difficult to enforce in court.
- → If a friend needs \$500 or \$1,000 to pay the late rent or overdue bills, what makes you think you'll be paid back?

5. <u>If it sounds too good to be true... it is!</u>

→ Prizes, internet inheritances, internet

lottery winnings – DELETE these email scams immediately.

→ If someone is trying to sell you a "good" used car "as is", you can be sure it will have lots of problems. Have it checked out by a mechanic before you put any money down.

6. <u>Protect your Credit</u> Record.

- \rightarrow Don't purchase what you can't afford to pay off in 3 months or less.
- → Check your bank account and credit card statement every month for errors; millions are made by cheats because people don't want to dispute 3¢ added to a debit/charge.

7. What you "think" you know can hurt you.

- \rightarrow "The cop lied to me so the charges can be beat."
 - = Cops can lie. It is YOU who must tell the truth, so keep your mouth shut!
- → "If I don't move in after signing the lease, I am out of the contract."
 - = NO!! Not on this planet!

8. There are no stupid questions.

- → Are SLS attorneys "real attorneys"?
 Yes! But our feelings are not hurt if you think we're young enough to be student-attorneys!
- → Can I cancel my lease within three days of signing?

NO!! Once you sign the contract/lease, you are bound by its terms.

9. "I'll never need an attorney!"-- Famous last words.

- → Over 2,000 students each year need a Student Legal Service attorney in addition to countless students using private attorneys.
- "My Mom is an attorney." Do you really want mom to know about your underage drinking ticket? Attorney-client privilege forbids sharing your information without your written permission.

10. There are people at the University who care! (turn page over)





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