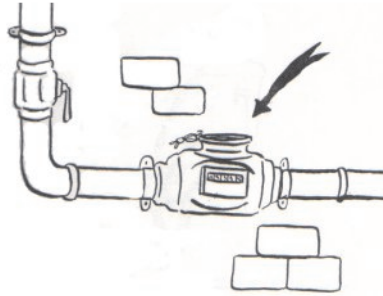


Water

Enquire at the
IBDE

Rue aux laines, 70 –
1000 Bruxelles -
02/518.81.11



1) Individual meter : fill in the form.

2) The meter for the entire building in the name of the landlord : you don't do anything but to note the **index** (= numbers on the counter) when moving in and out of the housing.

ADIL

The "Allocations de Déménagement d'Installation et de Loyer" (ADIL) is a **financial help** for those who move in a healthy or better adapted housing from an **unhealthy** one. This aid is granted for a definite period : for 2 periods of 5 years.

In order to get this help, the claimant should meet with the **strict requirements made by the law**.



In case of **slow proceeding** of the demand, or **refuse**, you'll have to pay the **rent** without any financial aid.

To make the demand, you can get the information in Associations of rent help services or **Housing Information Center**

(Centre d'Information sur le Logement, C.I.L.)

Ministry of Brussels-Capital region

Centre des Communications du Nord (North Station)
Rue du Progrès, 80 (Niveau 1 et demi), 1030 Bruxelles
From Monday to Friday, from 9am to 12am,
free telephone number : 0800/40.40

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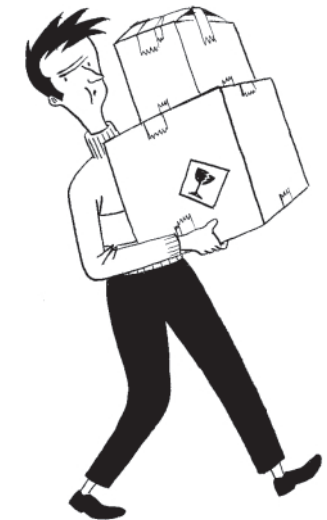
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VISIT AND MOVING IN

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RENT HOUSING



A tip!
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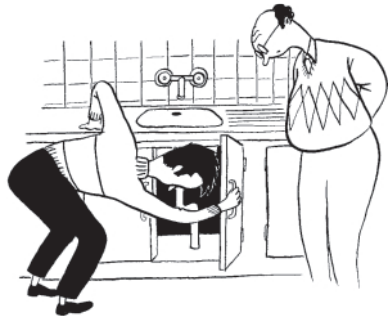


THE VISIT

Before renting a housing, you have to visit it and ask yourself **necessary questions**.

The landlord **has no right** to ask for money in advance in order to reserve the housing!

Check the general state of the housing



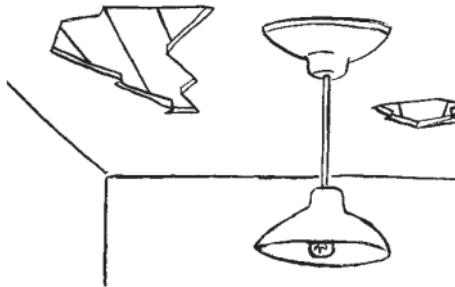
- 1) Check the **main door of the building** : the entrance door, the bell and the postbox,
- 2) the natural lightning,

3) the individual door that must have a lock,

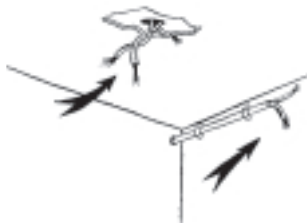
4) the eventual stains of **humidity**,

5) the **cracks** in walls,

6) the **windows** and **doors** that open and close (otherwise, the building would get cold and you would have to heat it even more which would entail more expenses).



Gas and electricity



Be careful with **naked or sticking wires!**

In every room, there has to be a **lamp with a switch** (the electric bulb is not mandatory) as well as an **electric plug**.

Check the state of water heater. Ask the landlord for the certificate of the last **chimney sweep** and **maintenance**.

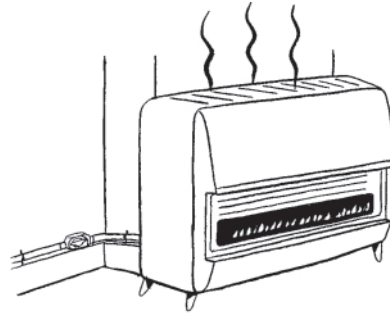


Heating

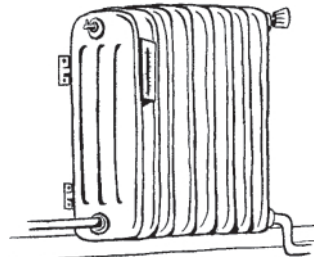
Be careful with visits during **summertime**, when one might forget to check the heating!

Gas convector

The landlord has no obligation to provide the device. Make sure there is a **pipe** to connect the device.



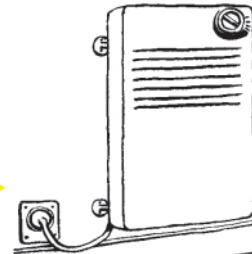
The **central heating** is handy but its use is difficult to control (in general no calorimeters). Check the number of radiators and water gates.



1) **Individual boiler** : you pay your consumption to the distribution company.

2) **Common boiler** : you pay your consumption to the landlord (charges).

The **electric heating** is practical but **very expensive**.



Bathroom appliances

Check private or common **bathroom appliances** :

- ▶ Bathtub or shower cabin,
- ▶ Windows for ventilation,
- ▶ The state of flush, washbasins and taps,
- ▶ The state of the toilet.



THE MOVING IN

When moving in ask the distribution companies to **open** the gas, water and electricity **meters**.

Gas and electricity

Starting from the **1st of January 2007**, you can chose your energy provider.

If you don't sign any contract, the **provider by default** would be designated for you.

To compare different providers and their price offers, you can contact :

Le Régulateur pour l'électricité et le gaz en Région de Bruxelles-Capitale
Gulledelle 100 - 1200 Brussels
0800/97.198 (from 8 am to 8 pm every working day)
info@brugel.be – <http://www.brugel.be/>

