TYPES OF LEASES
An individual lease is when a tenant signs for a single room, meaning he or she is individually responsible for paying rent and any damages to the room. However, that may not be the case if one person rents in a rooming house in the department of townhomes. Be sure to check with your property management company about these policies prior to agreeing.
A joint lease is a lease signed by all tenants, meaning the entire group is responsible for the entirety of the lease. This places the choice of filling empty bedrooms in the apartment or home on the roommates/buyers.

SAFETY TIPS
Secure Your Property
• Utilize lock types that are tamperproof possible
• Close and lock all students and sliding glass doors, and secure sliding glass doors
• Utilize blinds and shades, especially at night
• Place all valuables out of sight when parking your vehicle

Hunt a Safe Party
• Research the party with the Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) 540-434-4436
• Hire a good band and know who is in the home
• Hire a reputable company who immediately call the police, and call police of unsanctioned guest parties here
• Hire a catered feast on the premises of all times
• Scan any party and foundenthal status of peoples
• Be aware of occupancy limits at your apartment and of overcrowding wooded sheds

When Going Out
• Be wise with drinks — don’t drive alone
• Use well-lit and well-traveled areas
• Do not walk alone, especially in a costume or no safe way home, such as bar, taxi, or safe walk
• Be consistent of others and responsible of property

JMU Non-Emergency Campus Police 540-568-6912
Harrisonburg Police Department 540-434-4436
Call 911 for Emergencies

OFF CAMPUS LIFE
It is our mission to assist students in making the most of their college experience, to help them develop skills that will make informed decision when you do it. We are committed to being a neutral and educated liaison between JMU students and Harrisonburg Property Managers. We are also here to support students who may be experiencing housing and/or food insecurity. We can help connect students in need with appropriate resources both on campus and in the Harrisonburg community.

Please feel free to contact us to find out more about how we can be of service to you through any step of the off-campus housing process or settling into your new community.

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UDAP UTILITY DEPOSIT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
The Utility Deposit Assistance Program (UDAP) is a partnership between JMU and local utility companies, various utility deposits for students living off-campus. Students who choose to participate in UDAP purchase a non-refundable contract for $40 through MyMadison. This contract covers the utility deposits, according to the following limits:
• $400 for electricity
• $300 for gas
• $600 for electricity from Eastern Electric Commission
• $500 for electricity from Shenandoah Valley Electric Cooperative

Students pay the utility company directly for the services each month, including the final bill. If a student fails to pay the final bill, the utility company will turn the bill over to UDAP. If the utility company turns the bill over to UDAP, the student will receive a copy of the bill in the mail. Upon receipt of the bill, the student will be responsible for contacting UDAP to arrange payment or to see if the bill can be paid in installments. If the student fails to contact UDAP, the student will be responsible for paying the utility company in full. If a student fails to pay the utility company, the utility company will turn the bill over to UDAP. If the utility company turns the bill over to UDAP, the student will be responsible for paying the utility company in full.

TIPS
• For Emergencies, call 911
• For off-campus housing, call JMU Non-Emergency Campus Police 540-568-6912
• For off-campus housing, call Harrisonburg Police Department 540-434-4436
• JMU Safe Rides (540-568-7433)
• For more information, please visit www.jmu.edu/ocl

To purchase a contract, please visit ocl@jmu.edu