Apartment Pest Proof Checklist

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1. Radiator pipe penetrations

This is especially important, as these are one of the most common points of entry for mice and American roaches. Especially in the fall or winter, when they're looking for warmth.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A

2. Steam riser penetrations (floor and ceiling)

Steam risers are the vertical pipes that bring steam from the boiler room throughout the building. Sometimes entry points are found both from the floor penetration, and the ceiling as well.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A

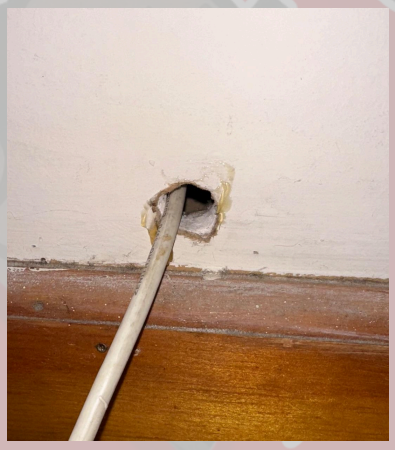




3. **Electrical conduit/ utility penetrations behind dishwashers or refrigerators.**

During installation or repairs on dishwashers, many times holes are left open where utility lines go into the wall. These can become easy access points for pests.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A



4. **Coax cables or telephone wiring**

Possible wall penetration

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A



5. **Plumbing penetrations underneath all sinks**

This is another common area for pests to enter, especially under kitchen sinks where people leave their trash. Be sure to check the main waste pipe as well as the water supply lines.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A

6. **Gaps/voids underneath baseboard molding**

Not all gaps underneath baseboard molding lead to voids in the wall. When checking, use a thin screwdriver or similar tool to confirm whether it goes through or not.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A





7. **Openings around the oven gas line penetration.**

Another very common entry point. While cooking, crumbs and other food debris may end up behind or under the oven. Holes around these pipes should be sealed properly.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A

8. **Gaps underneath the front door.**

Last but not least, mice can fit through gaps the size of a pencil, so a proper door sweep and weather stripping is suggested for prevention.

- ☐ Looks good!
- ☐ Needs attention
- ☐ N/A



Disclaimer:

This checklist is intended as a general visual guide for identifying potential pest entry points and conducive conditions. Do not move, disconnect, or attempt to access behind appliances or utilities connected to gas, water, or electrical lines, including stoves, dishwashers, and similar equipment. Physical movement of these items should be performed only by an appropriately qualified professional.

Completing this checklist does not guarantee that a property is pest-free or that future pest activity will be prevented. Pests may enter or become established through areas that are inaccessible, concealed, or otherwise not identified during a visual inspection. When in doubt, contact a qualified pest management or building professional for further evaluation.

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