

KRUGER INDUSTRIES

10-Minute Room Check

A free walk-through sheet for renters. Not legal advice.

Landlords argue with feelings. Dated photos are harder to wave away.

This is ten minutes, one room, before the truck. If it helps, the full Keep the Deposit kit is the 48-hour version: every room, a photo log, wear versus damage, and three short landlord emails.

Do this once, in this order

1. Start a video at the door. Say the date, the address, and your name. Walk slowly.
2. Then still photos. Wide shot of the whole room. Then every mark you can see.
3. Name the files. Kitchen-wide-1, Kitchen-sink-chip-1. Dates on.
4. Cheap fixes first. A \$4 switch plate beats a \$40 argument.
5. Photo again after you clean. Same angles.
6. Return keys on the record. Email or text. Keep the thread.

One-room checklist

- [] Video from the doorway, date said out loud
- [] Wide photo, all four walls
- [] Floor and ceiling
- [] Closet, open
- [] Windows, screens, sills
- [] Light switches and outlets (cover plates on)
- [] Every stain, hole, chip, burn — close-up + one step back
- [] Appliances if any: inside, filter, drip pan
- [] After cleaning: same wide shot, same close-ups
- [] File names written down or in a note on your phone

Wear versus damage, in one line

Wear is what time does. Faint carpet path. Small nail holes. A tired paint job in a room you lived in for years.

Damage is what a person did. A burn. A cracked tile. A missing door. A hole you could put a fist through.

Pay the line that is actually damage. Fight the line that is just a life being lived.