calling a potential landlord.

have a list of questions ready for your call:

☐ When is the apartment available?
☐ What is the lease length? Is the lease renewable?
☐ Will you take separate cheques from all tenants or do you require one cheque?
☐ When is the rent due? How would you like me to pay it?
☐ Are utilities/internet/cable included in the rent? If not, what is the estimated cost?
☐ How long have you been a landlord? Do you manage other properties?
☐ Have you done any recent renovations?
☐ What are your most common maintenance requests for this unit?

a landlord may ask you:

☐ Where have you lived before?
☐ What is your source of income? Can you provide a credit check? References?
☐ When are you available to move in?

leaving a voice mail? try this sample script:

“Hello, my name is ________________ and I saw your ad for a________ on the U of T Housing Services website. I would like to speak with you to get some more details and hopefully set up an appointment to meet with you and view the place. I can be reached at _________________. Thank you and I hope to hear from you soon.”

what’s next?

If you are happy with the responses the landlord has given you, make an appointment to view the place. If possible, bring another person to assist with the inspection.

Remember to bring a copy of our inspection checklist with you.