Getting Settled in Chico

Housing

Roommates: If you have roommates, you must make sure that everyone understands how and when the bills are to be paid. This is VERY IMPORTANT.

Leases and Legal Obligations: In general, when you rent an apartment or a room you will be required to sign a lease. A lease is a legally binding contract between you and the property owner or agent. You are obligated to pay rent each month for the term of the contract. If you wish to leave before the contract ending date, you will need to continue paying the monthly rent or find a person to take over the lease, with the landlord’s approval.

Please be aware that each roommate should be listed on the lease and changes should be made only with the approval of the landlord/manager.

For your protection, always do a thorough inspection of the apartment when you first move in, noting any stains, cracks, or other problems. You and the manager should each sign and keep a copy of this information. Otherwise you may be required to give up your refundable deposit for repairs.