

## Things to Collect:

- Letters of explanation (evictions, criminal history, etc.)
  - What happened with your conviction
  - Are you in compliance with DOC or probation?
  - Have you started paying back on past evictions?
  - Consider working on writing this letter with your care coordinator
- Birth Certificates
- Valid Colorado Driver's License and ID for all applicants 18+
- Social Security cards
- Proof of income
- Sample Application
- Letters of recommendation from previous landlords

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(Retrieved from <http://www.helpforfelons.org/felon-friendly-apartments-housing/>)

- Always be honest and upfront that you are a felon, especially if they are going to run a background check. . If someone is going to rent to you they either will or they won't. If you say nothing and the landlord finds out down the road it will appear as if you were being deceptive.
- Don't waste your time with big property management groups if you've had a recent felony. They have very strict policies and will likely not rent to you.
- If you know for sure that the landlord is not going to run a background check then you can simply not say anything unless they ask.
- Don't stress and don't get mad. If you meet with a landlord and they will not rent to you be kind and courteous regardless. You never know what the future holds, you may very well get a call later down the road if they can't find anyone else to rent to.
- Remember that when people hear the word felon they automatically think you are dangerous and/or violent. Break that stereotype by explaining what and how you made a mistake in the past.
- Make a good first impression. Dress nicely and shake their hand. Ask questions about the property and pay attention to any details that they give you.

## Websites:

- [www.craigslist.com](http://www.craigslist.com)
- [www.roomster.com](http://www.roomster.com)
- [www.socialserve.com](http://www.socialserve.com)
- <http://www.padmapper.com/>
- <http://www.apartmentguyz.com/>

