

Four Ways Tenant Background Screening Benefits Your Tenants

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We know that you have a lot of great reasons for doing tenant background screenings. You want to find the best tenants who are respectful of your property and financially responsible. Most tenants are understanding of these things, and a lot of them may even appreciate your thoughtfulness in selecting tenants. But you're bound to have some prospective tenants who are frustrated at your requirement to complete a background screening. While some people don't want their potential landlords to know their entire financial history (which is probably a red flag), others may just think it's an unnecessary extra step and additional expense. However, when you choose to require tenants to complete a background screening prior to them moving into your property, you actually bring great benefits to your current and future tenants.

It Weeds Out High-Risk Tenants

While tenants may think this doesn't affect them, it actually does. When they're confident that none of their neighbors are criminals or sex offenders, they will sleep easier at night and feel more comfortable in and around the rental property. Tenants don't have to worry that their neighbor is untrustworthy or irresponsible, and they don't have to stress about their car being broken into at night or their apartment being ransacked during the day. Tenant background searches allow residents to trust that you, as a landlord, take pride in your rental property and are committed to serving your responsible tenants to the best of your ability.

It Keeps the Rental Property Safer

Knowing the criminal **background of tenants** will help you ensure that your property is as safe as possible. It will give your tenants peace of mind to know that their neighbors are good citizens, but it will also keep your property safer all around. Minimizing theft of all kinds, both big and small, will make your property safer and your current tenants happier. At the same time, knowing that your residents have substantial income will help reduce the threat or risk of minor theft. When you're confident that your tenants can pay their bills, they are less likely to resort to thievery in and around the rental property.

Properties Are Better Maintained

As stated above, properties are going to be in better condition when tenants are responsible, respectful individuals. But from a financial standpoint, this is true as well. When tenants pay rent on time, landlords don't have to spend time, energy, and resources tracking residents down to collect the money they are owed. This leaves more time for landlords to address any maintenance issues you may have or take care of any landscaping or trash issues that may arise. Additionally, when landlords receive all the money they're owed, they have more money to spend on keeping the property well maintained.