KNOW YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS at ISU!

When Renting An Apartment (Or House)
1. **Lease**: If you have questions make an appointment with ISU Legal Services. Call (515) 294-0978 or come to 0367 Memorial Union. If you have questions please come before you sign anything or give any money; inspect the apartment thoroughly!
2. **Deposit**: Do NOT give a landlord or apartment manager any money until you are sure you want the apartment.
3. **Utilities**: Do NOT sign a lease until you find out the cost of utilities by calling the gas or electricity company and asking about last year's average bills.
4. **Get Promises In Writing**: Put everything in WRITING! Add the landlord’s or apartment manager’s promises to the lease and have the landlord or manager initial them. Put all of your notices and correspondence to the landlord or apartment manager in writing and keep a copy—including emails.
5. **Take photos** when you do a walk-through inspection with the landlord or apartment manager before you move in and when you move out: use an apartment inventory.

Automobiles
1. **Before** you buy that car you should take it for a “pre-purchase inspection”
   - **KELLY BOOK** — Fair Market Value [http://www.kbb.com/used-cars](http://www.kbb.com/used-cars)
2. “As is” means you buy any used car with all of its problems. You **cannot** get your money back.
3. **Before** you drive, check with the Department of Motor Vehicles at (515)296-2393 to be sure your license is valid in Iowa.
4. **Before** you drive you must register your car and purchase insurance.
5. If you are in an automobile accident:
   - do **NOT** admit fault to anyone,
   - call the police,
   - provide your name and your insurer's name,
   - obtain name of other driver and his/her insurer’s name,
   - obtain names, addresses, and telephone numbers of witnesses,
   - **leave name and telephone number on car if parked.**

The Police
- You have the right to remain silent. You should provide your name and address to a police officer, or identification if requested, but nothing else.
- If you are ticketed or arrested off-campus and you have questions about being ticketed or arrested, call the Ames police at (515) 239-5133
- If you are ticketed or arrested on-campus and you have questions about being ticketed or arrested, call (515) 294-4428

Safety Escort
- Department of Public Safety and Iowa State provide personnel that will assist you in getting to your campus destination if you are feeling uneasy and apprehensive. To obtain an escort, call 294-4444 and DPS personnel will walk or drive you to your campus destination.

Help Van
- If you are a student, faculty, staff or visitor at Iowa State, you are eligible for vehicle assistance. There is no charge just dial 294-4444
- Assistance includes: jump-start, tools needed to change a flat tire, a ride to and from the nearest service station, a shovel to allow you to scoop snow.