

Good Neighbor Critical Incidents

Good Neighbor Critical Incident 1: Nahid and his children

Nahid and his family move into their new home. Their new neighbors have two large dogs, and Nahid's children are afraid of the dogs, although they seem friendly. Nahid's children refuse to play in the backyard alone because the neighbor's dogs are often playing in the fenced-in lot next door.

Consider the following questions:

- ▶ What could Nahid do so everyone feels more comfortable?
- ▶ How would you handle this situation while keeping a good relationship with your neighbors?
- ▶ What is important for Nahid to keep in mind so he can be a good neighbor while making sure that his family is safe?

Good Neighbor Critical Incident 2: Letia and her family

Letia and her husband move into their home and are happy to be living near cousins. Their cousins come to Letia's house often, and they all cook and listen to music from their country together. One day Letia's landlord calls and tells Letia that she cannot play music after 9:00 p.m. anymore, because it is disturbing the neighbors.

Consider the following questions:

- ▶ What is the issue in this situation?
- ▶ What could Letia and her family do to be more considerate of their neighbors?
- ▶ What is important for Letia and her husband to remember so they can be good neighbors, but also be comfortable and happy in their new home?

Good Neighbor Critical Incident 3: Palau and Alex

Palau and his family move into their new apartment. Palau's new neighbor, Alex, stops by to meet Palau one morning before leaving for work. Palau cannot tell if Alex is a man or a woman. After Palau says good-bye, he feels very uncomfortable. Later that day, Palau sees Alex again. What should he say?

Consider the following questions:

- ▶ What is the issue in this situation?
- ▶ How do you think Alex may feel in this situation?
- ▶ What should Palau do the next time he sees the neighbor?
- ▶ What is important for Palau to remember so he can be a good neighbor, but also be comfortable in his new neighborhood?

Good Neighbor Critical Incident 4: Saw Nee Kow and her neighbors

Saw Nee Kow and her family move into their new apartment complex. Everyone is very friendly. Saw Nee Kow's neighbors invite her family to a building potluck, a get-together where everyone brings food or drink to share. Saw Nee Kow has been feeling lonely and is very excited about the invitation. She buys two live chickens and leaves them in the apartment complex courtyard while she prepares to slaughter them. One of Saw Nee Kow's neighbors knocks on her door and asks about the chickens. Saw Nee Kow explains that they are for the potluck. Her neighbor seems surprised and uncomfortable.

- ▶ Why is Saw Nee Kow's neighbor surprised and uncomfortable?
- ▶ What would you do in this situation if you were Saw Nee Kow?
- ▶ What should you know that might help you take care of this situation?

Good Neighbor Critical Incident 5: Juan and Richard

Juan moves into his new apartment with his wife and baby. Their next door neighbor, Richard, is friendly and helpful. He tells Juan how to find places like parks and convenience stores near their new home. One night, Juan's baby cannot sleep because Richard has music playing loudly. Juan likes Richard and does not want to bother him because he has been helpful to their family. However, the next night, Richard again has loud music playing and the baby is again unable to sleep.

- ▶ What is the issue in this situation?
- ▶ How would you feel if you were Juan? How would you feel if you were Richard?
- ▶ What do you think Juan should do?

Housing Unit Vocabulary Worksheet 1

Directions: Match the words on the left to the pictures on the right. The first one is done for you.

Words

friendly

housing

appliance

clean

damage

utilities

mail

Pictures



Housing Unit Vocabulary Worksheet 2

Directions: Read the sentences below. Indicate whether a landlord would be made happy or unhappy by the tenant actions described. The first one is done for you.

Tenant	Landlord	
	Happy	Unhappy
The tenant forgets to pay <i>rent</i> .	J	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
The tenant pays his <i>rent</i> every month.	J	L
The tenant keeps the house <i>clean</i> .	J	L
The tenant is a good <i>neighbor</i> .	J	L
The tenant <i>damages</i> the wall.	J	L
The tenant does not <i>clean</i> the house.	J	L

What are some reasons a landlord might *evict* a tenant? Circle the words that show reasons a landlord might *evict* a tenant.



clean



damage



friendly



pays rent



comfortable



does NOT pay rent