

Finding Housing in Greater Victoria- Transcript

18:58:45 Okay. Hi everyone, we'll be getting started officially at Sevenoaks free.

18:58:50 So while you're waiting for us to begin, please feel free to use the annotate function to complete this word search.

18:58:59 And you're also welcome, if you feel like it to put your name in the chat and say hi to everyone else on the call, but we will get started in a couple minutes here.

19:00:33 All the new people who have joined us. The last couple minutes.

19:00:36 We're just waiting to get some more people so we'll start in three minutes meantime you can do the word search although I don't know how much longer the word search for last.

19:01:37 Zoom.

19:02:11 Hello to everyone who just joined the call as we mentioned a few times. We're just gonna wait one more minute before beginning, we did have a word search, I think there's two to four words left so feel free to try and find the last couple words before

19:02:27 we get started, or if you find any other words I see someone circled go, that's really great and creative, feel free to also their words.

19:03:04 Okay, we are going to get started. So I'm just going to remove all of the annotation because if I tell it it will continue on to the next slide. So thank you all for for filling out this word search Just give me a moment here Well, I just clear all

19:03:26 the, all the annotations, and we are going to get started.

19:03:36 Okay, so we just wanted to start off by acknowledging with respect to look on people's on his traditional and NCAAA territory the university stands and the song is a squat snatch peoples who says circle relationships with the land continue this day.

19:03:52 So welcome everyone to our session on finding housing in a Greater Victoria.

19:03:57 My name is Raquel, I am one of the coordinators that works with the Office of Student Life. I also work on the Connect program. And just a little bit more, just for me, I use she her pronouns, and currently residing on the quantum territory.

19:04:18 And I am going to pass it to my co presenter to introduce themselves, everyone my name is Isaac. I'm an internet the Office of Student Life.

19:04:38 And I'm in the last year of my linguistics major in psychology minor.

19:04:30 I use him pronouns, and currently living in Sydney on with sandwich First Nations territory.

19:04:33 Thanks so much guys they fix other people we just want to quickly introduce for you. We have Kate on the call here she's the program manager for orientation, so she is going to be helping us manage the chat so anything that you put in the chat she's going

19:04:47 to try her best to answer your questions, or she'll be doing.

19:04:54 And we also have one other worker here named Amy she is the settlement advisor with the International Student Services, and she is going to be here to help support with any questions from our international students

19:05:11 in just a couple of points of zoom etiquette before we get started, please keep yourself on mute to prevent disruptions in the audio questions can be put in the chat throughout, and then we'll also have a question in action, and answer portion at the

19:05:26 end you're encouraged to have your cameras on but you're welcome to have them off would love to see your faces.

19:05:31 Closed captioning is on automatically, and it can be turned off by selecting the CC button at the bottom of the screen.

19:05:38 And this session is being recorded for access later, and the presentation slides will be available later for reference as well.

19:05:48 So our agenda for today's we're going to start off by talking about the municipalities and neighborhoods have Greater Victoria.

19:05:56 Moving on to housing sites, average prices and scams, finding and living with roommates, applying for housing, the tenancy agreements and knowing your rights as a tenant.

19:06:07 Finding transportation and parking.

19:06:10 And on campus support resources, and lastly we'll do our question and answer.

19:06:16 Hey thanks Isaac, so something else we just wanted to quickly recognize we recognize that coming to university is an extremely exciting time in your life and new chapter, but we know with everything going on with Omid housing right now can be quite stressful

19:06:29 stressful so we have tried our best design this presentation for you in a way for you to get a good overview of what trying to find housing in Victoria is like, and we have done our best to provide resources for you.

19:06:42 So throughout our presentation Isaac rk are going to be popping in a bunch of links into this presentation so feel free to click on them so that you can keep them on your computer browser and scroll through them as we are moving along.

19:06:56 So let's talk about the municipalities of Greater Victoria. So we want to provide you with just an overview of all of them and this apologies and some of the neighborhoods that you can find in Greater Victoria, just to give you a sense of the locations

19:07:09 that you might want to live in. So, as you can see we have our yellow star here that is essentially where the University of Victoria is located. So it's actually located in the Senate.

19:07:22 So if you're hoping to live somewhere close to the university, we would recommend that looking into neighborhoods such as obey Victoria and anywhere in central west, east, those are relatively close to the university.

19:07:36 The other locations are a little bit further away and our next slide, we'll talk a bit more about the distances to you get from different locations.

19:07:46 And something else we want to point out on the slide just to help orientate you into Greater Victoria, if you're coming in from the theory and going to the sports a ferry terminal window, you will be going into your Spanish.

19:07:58 This is about a 30 to 40 minute drive to you, Vic, depending on traffic as well if you are taking a flight or an airplane to Victoria. The airport is also located in North Standish so something just to keep in mind when you're traveling here.

19:08:14 Let's talk about the locations in Greater Victoria and their distances, so Gordon had was one of the neighborhoods not listed on the map beforehand, but if you're living in Grand head or Okay, you're looking at about a five minute drive to you, Vic, or

19:08:28 a 15 minute bus ride.

19:08:30 If you are living in Spanish, as you can see there are many different places in Spanish, east, west, south Spanish.

19:08:38 So this really just varies.

19:08:41 If you find a place in downtown, you're looking at about a 15 minute drive to campus or a 30 minute bus. If you're in the James be neighborhood, which is just outside downtown, or squirm out which is just across the water from downtown.

19:08:54 This is about a 20 minute drive a 45 minute bus. And then if you're anywhere in length for you, you boil or Sydney you're looking at about a 3040 minute drive or about an hour to an hour bus ride.

19:09:07 I just keep a note these are just averages distances.

19:09:11 They are not fully accurate depending on where you live, this will, this will vary as well as if you are taking the bus. And you have to switch buses, this also might vary, but we're hoping this will help give you a sense of your commute to campus from

19:09:24 your home.

19:09:27 Additionally, if you are looking, or needing to find some short term or temporary housing, you may need to stay in this while you look for more permanent place.

19:09:37 So we just want to include some options for you so Victoria does have hotels here.

19:09:43 Depending on the hotel you say I, you can, you'll be looking at anywhere from 85 to 90 to 149 at night.

19:09:50 If you're wanting to stay in an air b&b or the RBO which is our Victoria vacation rentals. This is anywhere from about 45 to \$240 a night.

19:10:02 And then we also have some hospitals here so this is about 29 at night.

19:10:07 But just keep in mind with a hospital.

19:10:10 These can be a shared space with other folks so there are some options for you if you need to live in a short term rental.

19:10:19 And to help our presentation be a little bit more interactive we were hoping to hear a bit from you so Kate is going to post our first poll question. The question is what type of housing, are you hoping to live in this year, and the options we have provided

19:10:33 for you are a studio apartment, a two bedroom apartment and multiple bedroom house. Hey based NetSuite are unsure so please feel free to click this poll.

19:10:43 And we will share the results in about 30 seconds from here.

19:11:06 Okay, it looks like, oh, bless everyone has answered this question, and Kate is going to share the results so you can all see them.

19:11:16 So it looks like the multi bedroom house was the most popular option but really this is all over the place which is great. There are lots of different places to live in Victoria so it's good to see that you're thinking about what you would prefer to live

19:11:31 flippin. So, we are now going to move on to talk about the average pricing of houses in Victoria, so please keep in mind, this is just the average pricing of housing is very much varies depending on the actual neighborhood or municipality you were in,

19:11:48 as well as the landlord's preference for what the landlord is looking for, but just to give you a rough idea of the cost for housing, if you're staying at a studio apartment you're looking at about 1300 a month.

19:12:01 If you don't know us to your apartment is you can think of this as like a dorm room. Just a little bit more expanded so your kitchen in your living room, your bedroom is all one shared space.

19:12:11 So that's kind of what a studio apartment is. If you would like to live in a one bedroom apartment in Victoria This is roughly 1600, a month. The two bedroom apartment is about 2000 a month.

19:12:22 If you're looking to live in a four bedroom house you're looking at 2500 3500, a month, and if you want a basement suite this ranges from 1200 to 2000.

19:12:32 And again, these are averages and these very much vary, very different factors but we're hoping this will help you in your decision making for the type of housing you would like to stay in.

19:12:42 So, let's talk about how you can find housing so we've just listed a few sites for you to look at one of the most popular sites for you, Vic students is using the new Vic off campus housing.

19:12:53 This is a Facebook group. And this is a Facebook group that's run by students for students. So, this is a great place. If you are looking for roommates, oftentimes other students are posting rooms that are available so that's a great way to try and remain

19:13:10 as well if you are looking for roommates. You also can post about yourself and what you're looking for. And sometimes you get reached out from other students for also looking for a roommate so this is a great way to connect with other peers in love with

19:13:22 other students.

19:13:25 students. Very similar to this group that's another Facebook group, Victoria BC Community House network. Essentially, this is just everyone in Victoria sharing housing or people looking for housing, of our next that you can look at his places for students

19:13:40 Next that you can look at is places for students and I'll talk a little bit more about this one on the next slide. And there are other sites such as use Victoria Craigslist Kijiji, and well something else I'll mention is depending on what you're using,

19:13:53 there are actually private contractors or private sector can look at some Devon's properties, for example, is an apartment building real estate that you can go to and they opt in list there vacancies there.

19:14:03 So hopefully these sites help you on your journey to find housing.

19:14:08 So let's talk a little bit about places for students so places first and has partnered with the big to really help support you in your search for housing.

19:14:18 So if you are wanting to use this site. That's a wonderful, but you have to do is log into places for students using your cubic ID. If you don't know what this is, this is your V numbers for your P 00 number.

19:14:30 And here you can find either roommates, or if you're just looking for sweet, this is something you can use, and keep your eye on the site as more and more landlords are posting on this site so something great for you to use.

19:14:43 And there's something just to be aware of and something we want to let me know.

19:14:50 So all of these off campus sites that we listed beforehand, except for the places for students are not verified by you Vic for legitimacy or quality, and they're not associated with you, Vic so just be aware that there can be fake as rentals posted on

19:15:04 these websites that Craigslist Kijiji use Victoria. So it's important to make sure you're keeping yourself safe out there. And with that being said, we just wanted to talk a little bit about scams.

19:15:16 Unfortunately scams do happen in Victoria around housing so we're just hoping to provide you with some tips to keep you safe. So, we've listed eight tips, these are not all the tips.

19:15:26 These are just some that we thought would be useful for you. So the first one is, if you see a really nice property for cheap, say a one bedroom apartment listed for \$900.

19:15:36 Just be wary if it is real or not. What you can do is you can check the general rates of the housing in that area, and keeping in mind that, on average, a one bedroom apartment is 1600.

19:15:49 So just be cautious if it's a gorgeous place that's brand new for super cheap.

19:15:54 If you message, a landlord and owner and they tell you that they are out of the country and they cannot meet with you.

19:16:01 This is often a scam. This is one of the tactics, they use. So we recommend never renting a place without being able to actually have a virtual tour or seeing the place in person.

19:16:13 If you are chatting with someone and owner and they asked you for a security deposit for first month's rent without signing a lease This is something to be cautious of, we recommend never providing money or giving money without actually signing a lease.

19:16:28 This will help protect you, as well if you ask release and they do not provide you with one. This is most likely a scam.

19:16:35 You are always to be given a tenancy agreement or a rental lease which we'll talk about a little bit later on.

19:16:42 Oftentimes to when you're applying for housing, you either have to fill up a rental application answer some questions or provide a credit check. So if you're not being asked these Just be aware.

19:16:54 If you are provided with a rental lease or a tenancy agreement and you're reading through it and you're noticing a bunch of spelling errors grammar errors in complete sentences maybe some formatting errors, or if you're noticing that some of the wording

19:17:05 is very big.

19:17:07 This could be assignment to scam so make sure you're really reading any contracts or any places before actually sending them. And if there's any vague language, ask for clarity and ask for that to be in writing.

19:17:19 Be cautious about personal or financial information or asking you for it, if they're asking you for your life, full credit card number, don't give them the information they don't need it.

19:17:29 And lastly, if you're looking through photos in UCF for sale sign in a photo of a probably just took a picture off of the internet. So these are just summit tips we're hoping they will help you.

19:17:40 And what we also wanted to share was just some tips to kind of stay safe from six years. So, most importantly, always try your best to do your research, research the person who is writing the house maybe research to the property itself to a quick Google

19:17:53 search to see if anyone's noticing any common names are coming in for scams or any street addresses for scams.

19:18:00 Also, it's important to always double check the address and confirm the information so put the address into Google Maps and make sure that it is appearing.

19:18:10 Exactly. It has the ad has set, always asked for a tour of the place was covered people may not be comfortable doing it in person one, so ask for a live virtual tour, and always make sure you get the see can actually fully see the place, or do an in person

19:18:24 one always request to have a lease or contract be signed before giving a deposit, because this will be a legally binding contract that will help protect you, as well if there's any information that's being asked me that you don't feel comfortable about

19:18:38 giving, maybe this is something you want to chat with a friend or family member about, just to make sure that the information they're asking is okay for them to ask it.

19:18:48 It's important to know your rights as a tenant we'll be talking about that a little bit later, and just make sure again you're not trading personal or financial information.

19:18:55 And if you do come across a scam. Just make sure you're reporting this to the authorities.

19:19:01 So switching gears a bit what to keep in mind when looking for housing so we're going to go into this in a bit more detail. So the first one is where you want to live which we already chatted about a little bit earlier.

19:19:12 So, how far long is it going to take you to say go grocery shopping or commute to school or to work. What amenities are important to you, do you want to buy a coffee shop.

19:19:21 Do you want to be in a really loud neighborhood you want to be in a quiet neighborhood. Some things for you to consider. Think about what your transportation is, do you need to be close to a bus route or do you have a car or you want to walk.

19:19:34 Think about the information that you might need to share with your landlord before getting the place. So you might ask your income or how to pay rent.

19:19:53 etc. And then also think about if you want to live alone, or if you want to live with roommates. And a couple additional considerations to make them looking for a place is think about the type of housing and personalized pig.

19:19:59 Do you prefer to live in a one bedroom apartment or are you hoping to live in a four bedroom house.

19:20:04 Think about what utilities are important for you to have included. Do you want heat and hot water included. Do you want you like to be included. Do you want WiFi included, not all of these are included, but I think about what's important or not.

19:20:16 Do you need a laundry machine in the building or in the house as well if you're someone who's bringing a car over. Is there a place for you to park your car is parking and additional costs, or if you have a bike is there a place for you to store your

19:20:30 bike. And if any of you have pets and you're hoping to bring your pet with you, you need to make sure you're looking for pet friendly accommodations and ask your mom or if it's okay for you to have your pet.

19:20:40 And then as well think about your guests are you hoping to have someone with a lot of guests over, but will the noise be like is that going to impact your neighbors as well.

19:20:48 Who are you hoping to live with roommates which is going to transition us into our next topic, just talking about roommates.

19:20:57 Okay, thank you. Raquel. So for finding a roommate.

19:21:07 Lot of times you can use the same websites you used to find a place or somewhere to rant on these sites, you'll find students looking for a place to stay, and they'll post ads describing, who they are their interests and their lifestyle.

19:21:14 And by lifestyle we're talking about work schedule.

19:21:19 Do you prefer a quiet or a home that receives a lot of guests.

19:21:26 Back

19:21:26 advertise a room in a place already in and they'll talk about their space of features of apartment or living in, and the lifestyle the people there and what kind of person they'd like so.

19:21:38 In terms of resources, we'd recommend a lot of the same as resources us to find housing, there's a lot of overlap there.

19:21:48 And moving on to considerations for choosing your roommates.

19:21:53 Before you choose a roommate it's important to ask yourself some questions.

19:21:58 A lot of times, I know university students don't stop to think about these kinds of things and I would connect. So, what is your ideal roommate relationship like.

19:22:09 Do you want someone to hang out with or do you just care about having someone to share the rent with you and living together cooperatively differences in lifestyle work, food and diet smoking.

19:22:21 Do they like to have party of people over.

19:22:24 And what characteristics would would not work well with your personality.

19:22:29 What is your idea of cleanliness. For some it's okay to pile up dishes in the sink as long as they get cleaned others needed spotless right away. This is a really common issue.

19:22:40 So it's important to think about it and then also have these discussions when you meet someone

19:22:46 brings us to ask him some questions about different scenarios.

19:22:51 So we have some example questions.

19:22:55 Usually, talking about your habits, finding this, what you'd like your home to be like.

19:23:03 And this is a step that's really missed because I understand it can be kind of awkward to ask questions or make it feel like you're in an interview. But it's important to have a conversation just get to know them.

19:23:13 So you know you figure it out together.

19:23:17 Yeah.

19:23:18 Next slide.

19:23:20 So we'll move into a poll.

19:23:24 Have you ever heard of a roommate agreement.

19:23:27 And so option A Yes, have made one in the past.

19:23:30 Yes, I'm planning on making one this year, or no I didn't even know there was such a thing.

19:23:37 And then opportunity on Sure.

19:23:49 Hey, we'll give it 10 more seconds.

19:23:57 Squeezing those last votes got almost everyone.

19:24:03 Okay, we'll call it here.

19:24:07 So the vast majority 60% don't know that this is such a thing.

19:24:11 And I'm not surprised, but let's talk about it for a little bit.

19:24:20 So we made agreements are a contract, where you can discuss different parts of living together and make sure everyone's on the same page, and they're important to establish boundaries and expectations for common problems.

19:24:35 Things like division of the rent, how it's going to be split some people split it. One person covers at one month, others split it right down the middle.

19:24:44 Where is everyone's private and what's the common space. What's your plan for dealing with housework. Do you have quiet hours or special arrangements around exam time, no link here at the bottom is a roommate template, so it's extensive, it's a 22 page

19:24:58 document which I know feels intense. But this is optional. So if you do decide to do it you can fill out what you think is important and what you think is what we need to have this in writing, but it's a great resource and students often don't do it.

19:25:16 Now moving on and talking about conflict between roommates first tip would be to try to look at the conflict as you and your roommates working together, instead of me versus them, because this is a situation where you're going to be living with them you've

19:25:30 signed a lease, so you really want to think of it as the house working together to something, some issue within the house as opposed to against people who communicate about constructive ways to deal with small issues as they come up before they build

19:25:46 up and lead to a bigger fight, especially early on, you want to be communicative especially if you don't really know your roommates that will bring these things up before they will explode together in one big argument.

19:26:02 And look at that roommate or agreement if you have an issue and make sure everyone's still agrees to their commitments and is still following what they said they would.

19:26:10 But if you feel like the situation's changed and something's not relevant anymore, you can always update that worries.

19:26:17 Don't feel like just to avoid a conflict, you have to give up something that makes you comfortable or do something that makes you uncomfortable,

19:26:33 but also understand that, especially in university when you don't know everyone.

19:26:40 It's important to understand your roommates point of view, and try to kind of pick your fights and understand what's really important to you. And what are the things that you're willing to compromise on.

19:26:52 I'll pass it back to Rico.

19:26:54 Thanks Isaac. Okay, so we are going to move on to actually talking about how to apply for housing. So you've found a housing say on a website, you have some remains, and you're ready to actually apply for housing.

19:27:09 So in general, you will fill out a housing application. This is what generally fast by landlords however sometimes it's not application sometimes it's a couple of questions they want you to answer.

19:27:19 Or they might want to meet in person and do a verbal application. So if you are filling out an application some of the things you might be asked to include his personal information, such as your name contact information your birthdate.

19:27:32 Just keep in mind that sometimes you're asked to provide identification. So you may be asked to have a driver's license or passport or some form of photo ID available to bring with you when you meet with the landlord or just to attach to your application.

19:27:47 It will also ask for some household information so if you are living with roommates and you are going to be the main person filling out this application, no just have to fill out the names of the roommates living with you, and very similar with their

19:27:58 name, their contact information their birthday.

19:28:01 Oftentimes, you're also asked for some residency history so if you've rented before this is where you would put kind of where you used to live and how long you live there.

19:28:10 If you've never lived, or rented before. That's no case right normal for first year university students, you probably would just fill that blank or just let them know it's your first time.

19:28:22 Oftentimes landlords are looking for a proof of income or a way for you to pay for your friends, sometimes they asked me for your job and your salary, whereas other times you can also add in your student loans or your bursaries or mentioned the way that

19:28:34 you are able to cover rent.

19:28:37 Personal reference checks or reference checks by previous landlords is often asked for just to do a quick call to make sure you're paying your rent on time, kind of thing.

19:28:48 And sometimes, aren't you are also asked to complete a criminal record check. And then there's other various information on your housing application like your vehicle information or if you're allowed to have pets.

19:28:57 How many pets, what type of pets.

19:29:00 So this just some information this is general, this can be.

19:29:04 This can look different depending on the place you are applying for.

19:29:08 So, you have submitted application the landlord says this is great. Let's meet. So you met with the landlord to tour of the place like the place you want to, to live there.

19:29:20 So usually what's going to happen is you're going to ask to give them either a damage deposit or a security deposit. So essentially what this is is this is half a month friend, this the max amount of money there are lots of ask what is paid to the landlord

19:29:34 at the beginning of your tenancies was fully paid once the landlord holds on to this money the entire time you rent for your lease. And this is something that gets returned back to you unless you have caused any damages, then the landlord we'll use that

19:29:48 money to repair some of those damages.

19:29:51 And again, just want to pitch in general, and never give any money until you have seen the place either virtually or in a walkthrough, and have actually signed a tenancy agreement or in the midst of signing this agreement.

19:30:04 So let's talk about tenancy agreements and rental leases, there was a lot of information, information to digest so we have done our best to try and break down some pretty complex topics, into something that's hopefully easier for you all to take in.

19:30:19 So I pulled some definitions from the BC residential tenancy act so a tenancy agreement is essentially a written agreement which specifies the terms of the rental or temporary possession of a property, and it's a legally binding document which gives the

19:30:33 tenants the right to live in their property, and the landlord the right to receive rent and a rental lease is a fixed tenancy that is set for a specific period of time, as awesome legally binding.

19:30:46 As also legally binding. So why are these important. Well, a tenancy agreement is necessary to ensure the protection of the property for the landlord, as well as the protection of the rights as a tenant, and the rental he serves as a binding legal agreement

19:31:00 for the terms of beliefs. So these are just important legal documents that you go here with your landlord.

19:31:06 And you sign. And you always have a copy and your landlord always has a copy.

19:31:10 So tenancy agreements are quite long. They generally include a lot of information, some of the information you can expect to read through and agree to is providing your name the last name, the address of the house, you'll be living out or that housing I'll

19:31:24 be living out will be placed there, you'll have the link to the agreement, generally this is a one year agreement.

19:31:30 It will include the rent that you are to pay monthly.

19:31:34 The landlord will tick off all of the utilities included things like heat hot water included or garbage disposal, etc.

19:31:41 Here, they'll be a section around your security your damage for your pet damage deposit.

19:31:47 You and your landlord with your tenancy agreement, well together do a conditions inspection where you'll go around the unit and knock down any repairs or any damages that have already been cost so if there's a huge stain on the carpet for example or is

19:31:59 turning off the wall. That's just things that you will notice that you don't get charged for them.

19:32:04 There could be a section on guests and what that looks like for you.

19:32:08 The methods of rent so he transfers checks cash. So, worth of what it rent increase looks like generally Lamaze can increase the rent a certain percentage each year.

19:32:20 subletting is quite popular amongst university students so there'll be a section around if you're lots of sublet your unit or not. Most of the time, university students will sign on to a one year lease, they'll have their from September to April and then

19:32:33 sublet the last four months out, they'll be a section on how you deal with repairs and damages. What the landlord's entry into your unit is how to resolve a dispute between you and the landlord, how you are to end your tenancy agreement, and then the

19:32:49 landlord we'll also have their contact information so you can contact them.

19:32:54 So, let's start talking about your rights as a tenant and we just wanted to get a gauge on how comfortable you are with knowing your rights as attended.

19:33:02 So the options are very comfortable somewhat comfortable, not comfortable at all, and unsure, think it will post the poll for you shortly.

19:33:45 They will probably give it another 10 seconds.

19:33:55 Okay, we'll probably give it another 10 seconds. Okay, that looks like most of us have voted so it sounds like. So what comfortable, is the common answer but then somebody you're very comfortable so maybe you are not comfortable at all and that is okay,

19:34:09 There is so much information around your rights as a tenant, and it can get overwhelming at times so we have done our best to try and break this down for you as well as provide you with some resources.

19:34:23 So the first slide here is just your rights or responsibilities as a tenant and some resources for you to look at. So it is really important for you to make sure you do you understand your rights and responsibilities before signing a lease.

19:34:37 Be ready recommend that you visit a site called the tenant resource and advisory center. So this is a website that has a survival guide, as well as the opportunity to take a writing it right course, free of charge, which will just help give you an introduction

19:34:52 of what it means to rent a house and what your rights are.

19:34:56 There's also the residential Tennessee branch of the government and BC, this has a lot of resource, and a lot of information for you. So another going to just read through and understand.

19:35:06 And something else we want to mention for you is that if you do end up having a conflict or dispute with your landlord, you can consult the music on butts person to have them help you resolve this conflict.

19:35:18 So, let's get into your rights first your landlords rights and responsibilities. So as a tenant, you are responsible to complete the condition inspection with your landlord prior to prior to moving in and after you move out.

19:35:31 We mentioned this a little bit earlier.

19:35:33 You do have the responsibility to ensure you're paying rent info and any additional utilities by the date do.

19:35:42 You're also responsible to permit your landlord entry into unit with a 24 hour notice, this means your landlords responsibility is to provide you with at least 24 hour notice before entering your unit, as well as providing the reason why they are entering

19:35:57 and the date and time you will be entering your unit.

19:36:00 If there are any anything in the building, or the unit you're in that requires repairs, you must inform your landlord and writing and they are to repair it for you.

19:36:10 You have the responsibility to keep the rental property clean. This is not mean always doing your dishes. This is more so if there's a yard. You should not be throwing your garbage on the yard, you should be respecting the property keeping it clean.

19:36:22 And then if you your tenants are not you will be the 10th, if you have your guests or any pets, causing damage you do have the responsibility to repair them and pay for the repairs.

19:36:32 Now on the flip side your landlords responsibility.

19:36:35 If there is any reason why they are trying to Vic to you, they generally have to provide a minimum of one month's notice.

19:36:43 And then we've talked about them having to give you a notice before entering a unit, if there any repairs that need to happen on the residence that compile with the health safety and housing standards, they are responsible to repair these.

19:36:56 And if there are any maintenance or maintaining common or shared spaces, say for example, a lobby in the apartment, your landlord is responsible to ensure that these are being kept up to standard as well repairing any emergency repairs.

19:37:11 So, there's so much information about your rights so we do recommend that you go through and read about it, but just provide you with an overview of some of your rights, you do have the right to live in a property that is safe, and in good state of repair.

19:37:25 You have the right to have your deposit returned to you at the end of it your tendency, provided that you meet the terms of your tenancy agreement. If for some reason you have done some damages but you will lead the charge of the damage is excessively

19:37:39 high, you can challenge your landlord, with the costs, you do have that right.

19:37:44 you can challenge your landlord, with the cost, you do have that right. You also have the right to live in the property and disturb this means your landlord should not be coming down every single day knocking on your door.

19:37:52 You also have the right to be productive from any unfair but Brian predictions. And you also have the right to have a written agreement for a fixed term tenancy.

19:38:01 So that's just some rights but again we really recommend going through and understanding your brakes.

19:38:06 And just just know bylaws and Victoria we wanted to quickly mention just in general in Victoria, there is a residential quiet hour that starts at 10pm until 7am weekly so this is when you need to make sure you're respecting people who are trying to sleep

19:38:21 in the quiet. In general, one of the laws is any loud or disruptive noise that continues for more than three minutes is not permitted.

19:38:31 And this will be asked to keep in mind, depending on where you're living your landlord may have additional agreements or additional five hours, so just make sure you have asked and know the specific rules, they have set up something else to mention in

19:38:46 Victoria you're legally allowed to rent, up to six unrelated roommates in a single family home. So that's something important to keep in mind as well.

19:38:56 Parking.

19:38:57 There are a lot of places in Victoria that have strict signage so if you are living on a street that has sinuses residential parking, only I just make sure you're updating your driver's license and insurance so that you can park on the street.

19:39:11 Okay. And just lastly about this we listed a few questions ask your landlord I'm not going to read them out but you'll have the slides available later on.

19:39:19 So, this can be something there for you to note, back to and write down some questions. But in general, it's important for you to ask but utilities are included in the rent and what you are responsible for so you know we need to think of BC Hydro account

19:39:32 for example if you're not getting heat or electricity.

19:39:37 Other things that are important to ask are things like how do you do repairs and emergency repairs. So, if there is a lead coming from your roof. That's probably an emergency repair that you're learning to support right away versus if a light bulb runs

19:40:00 out, and so forth. So, refer back to this presentation after you want to note down these questions. And I'll pass it back to eyes it.

19:40:03 Alright, thanks for coming. So we'll do another poll just to check in on you, what you're thinking. So our poll goes, how do you plan on getting to campus.

19:40:13 A Will you be driving a car pooling be on your bike, see on the bus or the planning on walking.

19:40:23 Let's get that 30 seconds.

19:40:39 Five more seconds get those last votes in.

19:40:53 Right, so we're looking at a lot of bus, maybe some bike good amount of walk so I'm thinking that you planning on taking the bus might be looking a little bit far away.

19:41:06 So let's talk a bit about transportation.

19:41:10 So you Vic, and the city of Victoria, mainly use less like or car as modes of transportation.

19:41:18 All students that are enrolled in in on campus courses, receive the you pass as part of their UVSS fees, which is our bus pass for across Greater Victoria for bikes you Vic has a bike center, and it's very like friendly campus you can ride all around

19:41:37 the campus. and that's the campus bike center.

19:41:40 There are options for short and long term parking all around campus.

19:41:44 By short term, we mean parking for a certain amount of hours in a day and long term is buying semester or yearly Panisse.

19:41:56 You can only Park long term outside of the ring road. That's the road that goes around campus and parking short term parking is more expensive inside ring road, and outside of the world.

19:42:08 If you have a license from out of province or from a different country.

19:42:13 So that's all the provinces in Canada. All the 50 states in the US, and some select countries in Europe and Asia. And so that link the register for bc license link bites that list.

19:42:37 If your country is on that list, then you can apply for bc license, don't have to do a test, but you will have to surrender your license from your home country.

19:42:47 So that's the decision you can make you want to drive.

19:42:50 And if your country is not on that list then you'll have to do a road and knowledge test.

19:42:56 Lastly moto and evil, evil, our car sharing services and other services for renting a car, they're very cheap.

19:43:06 You just use the app or book online, and then you go to the car you booked and enter the key code and then people go You don't need to go to a center or anything like that.

19:43:17 So they're good for day trips or if you need to move something like that.

19:43:22 So using bc transit with your one card.

19:43:25 So you Vic has its own bus exchange, and it provides access to 18 different bus routes, you can plan these trips on VCs transit official site. The next ride service, or Google Maps works just fine as well.

19:43:40 Once activated your you Vic one card works as a you pass bus pass, so your one card, the same student card. Also is your bus pass that you can swipe on the buses.

19:43:51 That's called the you pass and that's just the name of the partnership we you Vic has with PC transit.

19:43:57 And so your first time using it.

19:44:02 You can activate it by inserting your one card into the kiosks and the sub.

19:44:08 Student Union Building, located near the bus loop or Jimmy castles, where the one card offices as well as some food services.

19:44:18 Believe the system now is if you get your card before September 1, you don't need to activate it.

19:44:24 But if you get it afterwards, you do need to activate it.

19:44:29 If you can just to be sure it systems changed a bit just by putting it into the chaos to get it ready.

19:44:36 Ain't no talking about bus routes from you Vic to downtown.

19:44:42 The major buses you'll want to know are the four, especially the for the seven, the 14 and 27 all going downtown through different routes. So these go through different neighborhoods, so you might use them on your way home, not necessarily downtown for

19:44:57 going through hillside and Douglas major roads and the hillside mall. Seven going through obey and Fairfield, little less direct, but so common, student residence area.

19:45:09 14 to the Vic General Hospital and surrounding areas, and 27 from Gordon had neighborhood, which is around you Vic to downtown via Shelburne Shelburne is another major road with a lot of grocery stores.

19:45:22 So, a lot of students who take this bus to go grocery shopping.

19:45:25 And then from the victim. Other notable parts, 11 to telecom mall and the telecom neighborhood. And 26 was via Mackenzie a major road to uptown shopping center where Walmart is so good for shopping and Tilikum in this climate neighborhoods.

19:45:46 Let's move to the outside of Korea that you'll want to know.

19:45:49 39 goes to Royal Oak exchange. All would exchange in the city of cottonwood and West Hills exchange and the city of Langford 15 goes direct to a Square Mall and 51 director Langford.

19:46:04 If you are either coming from the fairy or trying to go to the ferry.

19:46:09 That is a no signage and the sports Bay ferry terminal to go to Vancouver, or the Gulf islands, you need to take the 70 series to take these you need to go to downtown first.

19:46:21 So that would be from you Vic taking either the floor to downtown, 26 uptown shopping or 39 to Royal Oak exchange. And then from there, you can take the 70 series, and on your way there, you can stop and MacTavish exchange.

19:46:39 And from there, that's where the 8788 to the airport go

19:46:45 in terms of bike lanes, you Vic is very new Vic but Victoria is very bike lane friendly and like cyclists friendly. So, a couple names that we have the neighborhood bike lanes are just shoulders on the side of the road, and very simple advisory bike lanes,

19:47:03 or roads where the vehicles have one lane.

19:47:06 And they merged into bike lanes when there are no cyclists.

19:47:10 So just keep that in mind these come in, low traffic residential neighborhoods.

19:47:16 I don't be shocked if you're biking in a car, suddenly goes into the lane.

19:47:21 And the two way bike lanes are into downtown in urban areas, and they are separated by a cement barrier between the road and the bike lanes.

19:47:30 They're really safe way to bike around and they have their own stoplights.

19:47:45 Now a few resources.

19:47:48 Little pressed for time on what your question so I'll just say I will share this presentation afterwards and covering good resources if you want to find routes or parking spaces for vehicles and for bikes around the city, as well as resources that you

19:48:04 can.

19:48:05 What to do with your body gets stolen, good way to get it back.

19:48:11 Short term parking at in Victoria. And so we'll start with you, Vic, you can pay that dispensers are through the hawk mobile app.

19:48:20 You just need to put your license plate and pay.

19:48:23 Don't need to put a ticket in your car fit and long term parking permit so first semester for a year. I can be purchased online at the dispenser or at the campus security office, which is by the bookstore and the bus loop and parking in the city the cheapest

19:48:41 is the city on parking lot not privately owned.

19:48:45 So you can find those by this blue kiosk or dispenser.

19:48:50 And there's also parking garages, six in the city. They are free. After 6pm, every day, and all day Sunday and holidays.

19:49:01 So, for me personally I know where the parking garages are I drive from going out at night or on the weekend, I park there, and then walking distance to where I want to go, and usually they'll have to pay anything back to a private place.

19:49:14 And you can pay using their Park Victoria, as well.

19:49:20 Lastly we'll mention just a few supports on campus. Academic Advising if you need help with your major or your degree campus security and their safe walk program.

19:49:33 If you're on campus at night and you want someone to walk you someone for campus security, the escort you to another building or to your vehicle. That's a 24 seven service, the equity in Human Rights Office.

19:49:54 There's an office supporting Indigenous students, and the indigenous academic community engagement office, and National Student Services, specifically their settlement advisor, Amy, who's in the chat, right now, answering all your questions.

19:50:00 She's really helpful as you can see and if you have any questions with housing or settlement, you can send her an email. Got her email here on the student Wellness Center, it gives you support for spiritual mental health, physical health, of that stuff.

19:50:15 Are you Vic Peer Support Center is a center for other students helping students capacity recommend.

19:50:23 Hey thanks Isaac. We also have listed additional housing resources as Isaac said This presentation will be available so you can click through these links for some topics that we didn't go fully into detail for us so this is additional information, or

19:50:35 for your own use.

19:50:38 And again, just one other thing we like to pitch for any of our international students. If you have any questions about the travel restrictions living in Canada or immigration questions, you can reach out to ISS info at you vic.ca, and they'd be happy

19:50:52 to help you as well the International Student Services website has a lot of information on their website about off campus housing and Victoria so that's a great website to go to just grab even more information.

19:51:07 So that concludes what we have for you today so we just want to also let you know. The next summer series is on student by today's a student budgeting one on one is going to take place on July 26 at 7pm.

19:51:22 I believe Kate will be posting the link for this that we have here in the chat for you all.

19:51:27 And again, this session that we hosted today was recorded the recording will be available and located on the same website as the link has for you to access and our presentation will also be available for you to use.

19:51:43 That's so thank you all so much for listening. We really hope this presentation helps you. Just a few things before we get to your questions. If you do have any additional questions regarding orientation or upcoming workshops, you can email orientation@music.ca.

19:51:57 And again for our international students we have Amy here thanks so much for joining us. You can email her at Amy.wrestler@music.ca, and we have one final poll question for you that Kate will be posting.

19:52:12 And then we'll take time for some questions. And so the final question is, as a result of participating decision. Do you feel prepared insecure to live off campus.

19:52:23 This one will just keep for ourselves so if you do have questions I'm going to stop screen sharing, I You are welcome to use the raise hand function, this is located at the bottom right of your screen.

19:52:35 Under the reactions if you would like to ask us the question off of mute, or you can keep using the chat.

19:52:43 And I was going to stop screen sharing here.

19:52:48 Hello. Hello.

19:52:49 Perfect. We have our first question, I apologize. I'm not saying your name right, is it. Debbie any.

19:52:57 Yeah, that's right. Hi.

19:53:00 Thank you so much for your orientation, I wanted to know if you have any queries.

19:53:06 Regarding housing off campus housing to be contact. I mean besides the ISS because I'm an international student as well.

19:53:17 I will pass this to Kate to see if she has any information Kate Do you know who else we can contact. We have questions.

19:53:28 Sorry I just had to take a moment to unmute myself, I'm unfortunately we don't have an office that particular looks after off campus housing. If you are an international student we definitely recommend connecting with ISS, with a nice information that

19:53:44 she's posted. and then I'm also just going to send a website link to some of the resources for off campus housing.

19:53:56 Thanks.

19:53:58 Hey, thanks so much for answering that first key I really hope that helps answer your question, Amy is a really great resource to reach out to and she's quite lovely and will definitely be happy to support you.

19:54:08 Our next question I see him the wife is from sonny.

19:54:13 Thank you for the session, I was wondering what information is good to include in the first email to a landlord just to like catch their attention, because I've been emailing a lot of landlords and not getting responses.

19:54:27 So yeah, that's a great question. I think right now, you just housing market is so so competitive. I think if you can provide them with as much information as you can so I think it'd be great if you can fully go through health how long you're wanting

19:54:44 to live at the unit, maybe a little bit information about yourself could be nice if you want to talk about, like a very respectful individual who wants to follow rules and is wanting to be there to study, if you want to include your method of payment.

19:55:00 I think as long as you can provide a lot of information, why I recommend is going through.

19:55:05 If you search online for just tenancy agreements, and if you want to look at some of the main questions there, you can kind of see what is often asked you can send that in a landlord or in an email to the landlord but I will ask amy Kate or Isaac if they

19:55:19 have anything to add.

19:55:25 Personally, or just record I second that personal touch is really important to just make them feel a bit more secure by yourself but also mentioned that it's really, it's always been competitive and and the summer, and this year it is more so.

19:55:43 So the fact that you're not being responded might not really be about what your information could just be really competitive or that they already have.

19:55:52 20 offers or 20 people interested so keep that in mind but don't be discouraged about your email and just keep trying. keep shooting, send as many as you can.

19:56:04 Yeah, I would definitely agree with Isaac on that I have definitely looked for housing and not got responses to my emails, but what I usually include is a bit of information about myself, where I work, or where I go to school.

19:56:16 What neighborhood I'm from or what country you're from, as well as a what's what's different about you so I really like gardening so I like to talk about like keeping some like or plants you know some rosemary time, things like that.

19:56:32 And I'm also horseback rider so include that in my information as well so they have a chance to get to know you a little bit.

19:56:38 But as long as they're things that you think, you know, landlords will be looking for so they might make the connection if you're a soccer player or if you're someone who really likes movies at home, definitely include that information.

19:56:51 Okay thanks me. All right, Kate and Isaac, Amy, do you have anything else you'd like to add in.

19:56:58 Nope, I think you guys covered it all, I think it's the personal touch and also another good ideas, maybe try and get it asked if there's a phone number that you can contact to actually have a conversation with the landlord as well.

19:57:10 And they might enjoy having a conversation with you and hearing, hearing your voice and actually hearing the person behind the email. So that would be my recommendation.

19:57:20 That's great. Thanks, Amy, somebody else it goes there's just checking every single day to apply for housing, it can also be landlords doing the early birds.

19:57:28 So, the first email they get the day they might find someone that connects with them, and that works for them. So you Did that answer your question, did you have a follow up.

19:57:40 Does that answer the question, thank you so much, wonderful, the guy next hand raised and apologies again if I'm pronouncing your name wrong have Pong.

19:57:49 So, I run it student, a new student. So I unfortunately I apply for the resident like after the deadline, after June 30 so I applied like July 4. I'm still waiting for the individuals but I don't know the direction before it's like end of July.

19:58:07 So, I still waiting for the Michelle from the university. So, I started looking for, you know, the, the accommodation outside the university.

19:58:19 We are not fully.

19:58:22 We don't really work with residents I'm going to defer this to Kate as I know she has more information than Isaac or myself have.

19:58:30 Yeah, I'm so sorry I understand that it's such a stressful time for students with this overwhelming demand for residents this year as a result of coven 19.

19:58:39 At this point in time I'm not able to comment on the lottery because they just don't know. So contacting residents specifically for information on the lottery and when that when those how some of the pieces going for those offers is going to be your best

19:58:55 bet. I really wish we had more information for you because I know how stressful This must be. I'm sorry.

19:59:02 Don't worry. So I just want to know the direction you know like maybe I will content tomorrow, so that I know at least when he did a slide maybe in the middle of August, so I had to stop fighting apartment outside of the university, something that so

19:59:16 I can prepare for myself so that's where. Yeah, absolutely. It's a fantastic question and I think that for those who are also in that boat I think contacting residents will be great.

19:59:28 Hopefully, and I'm not sure if they will but hopefully they'll be able to give you an idea of like where they are in the number lottery system, or how it's looking for for lottery numbers at this point in time as we start reaching until late July.

19:59:41 I'm not sure if they will but, fingers crossed if they're if they're able to provide that update.

19:59:48 So thank you on the content tomorrow. That sounds good. Good luck and thank you.

19:59:55 Sounds good. Good luck and thank you.

20:00:05 Hey thanks for the question. Thanks Kate for helping us out. The next hand I see on my screen and apologies again if I'm pronouncing names wrong.

20:00:07 Cool chic. The hydration.

20:00:08 Some I'm actually looking for a house for just four months in Victoria.

20:00:10 But whenever I see the advertisements it always asked me for one year some disagreement. So I was thinking is it.

20:00:17 How difficult would it be if I sign a one year lease and give it for a sublet after four months.

20:00:24 Is it easy to find tablet.

20:00:26 That's a great, a great question. It really depends. So the first thing you'll want to do is if you do find a place you want to confirm with your landlord, that it's okay for you to sublet, the place out.

20:00:38 In general, it sounds like you're just looking for a place for first term, so we will be having more students coming in joining us for the second term in January.

20:00:47 So if you are very diligent be posting and trying to find someone to take over the supplying least for you.

20:00:55 It could be possible. I don't have a full answer. It really depends.

20:00:59 If I was to make a recommendation, it might be nice if you can find some roommates, to live with and see if there's a way that you can make an agreement with them that you just live in a place for the four months.

20:01:12 Additionally, there are some landlords who will let you do a month to month, so that's also something that you can ask about to say is this possible for us to do a month by month rental agreement, but I'll just open up to, to my team to see if anyone

20:01:28 has anything else to add for that in the eyes, they're going okay, you just stepped out so maybe not Kate.

20:01:36 Yeah, amongst a lot of the people I know University subletting is pretty common

20:01:43 will say that it's mostly common in the summer, but knowing that there will definitely be more students coming in January, since this whole situation.

20:01:52 That's kind of staggered when people arrive. I wouldn't worry about it too much but I like Rocco's point about being clear with the landlord if that's your intention to sublet.

20:02:04 Thanks Isaac, he needs to have anything to add I saw that you put something, a great resource in the chat, the hunting den manner, the Huntington manners a place that has accommodation that if you can group, maybe three students together it's more of

20:02:18 The Huffington Manor is a place that has accommodation that if you can group, maybe three students together it's more of a shared space but it does have a kitchen in the bathroom and you can do week to week or month to month rentals there so that's something

20:02:32 that some, some students have used in the past, and they are.

20:02:32 Again, this resource could go quickly as well because of the tourism that's happening again in Victoria but this is something that students have used in the past so Huntington manner is a good place to look.

20:02:46 Thank you. And hopefully that helps answer your questions and if you have any follow up let us know.

20:02:54 Those were the hands, I saw for for live questions I'm just learning the art at the eight o'clock and now Isaac myself are happy to keep say on the call to make sure we're answering all your questions.

20:03:08 But that is a time so if you do need to go, please feel free to leave the call and thank you so much for joining joining us today. We really hope this helped you.

20:03:18 Yeah. Then if you have any questions in the chat that has not been answered I know the chats thing going. Feel free to just ask it often meet with you the most helpful for us.

20:03:30 Yeah, if there's any other questions please, please raise your hand for us.

20:03:47 great now and not seeing any more hands raised about well, we'll stick around for a couple more more minutes.

20:04:06 Then question asked me if more rooms typically appear towards the end of July or August. This varies. I think this year is very unique with everyone trying to find housing so I don't actually know more typically appearing or not, they could be that some

20:04:24 landlords are posting later on in the summer.

20:04:28 But they don't have the information so I'll just ask my, my team again if anyone has any information on it. There are more

20:04:39 more housing available here the end of July or August.

20:04:44 It's a good question. It's hard to tell but what you will find around the end of one month is you'll see places starting to come up, because folks need to give their one month notice before the end of the month, if they want to leave for the next month.

20:04:58 So continue to keep checking and you may see between now and the end of July very very bit like first of August, you may see some new listings crop out on the market on those sites.

20:05:12 So, that can be helpful. Mm hmm. Good question. They're all good questions.

20:05:17 Great question, thanks so it takes, and someone else have anything to add before I move on to Logan's question.

20:05:25 Great. And Logan I will open it up to you to ask your questions.

20:05:30 So, if I receive an offer or accept an offer for a place off campus. And then I was accepted into residence, can you defer the offer, or the.

20:05:41 If it's signed, like the lease.

20:05:43 Can you defer.

20:05:46 Remove the lease or, how's that work.

20:05:48 Great question.

20:05:50 This is where it's very important to read your tenancy agreement and this might be a question that you actually want to confirm with your landlord and have it in writing.

20:05:58 Most of the time once you have signed that tenancy agreement, you are stuck into the lease, depending on your landlord this all very some landlords will tell you that if you pay extra money you can break through at least other landlords inform you that

20:06:14 Other landlords inform you that you cannot break your lease and you are expected to continue paying rent throughout the entire term of the agreement. So, I'm going to say in general, be cautious of it if you do end up signing a lease, you are legally

20:06:28 bound to that at least for the agreement of the term. So, just very clearly chat with your landlord and say, I am hoping to get into residence, what is the possibility.

20:06:41 Yes, sir. One more question. Sorry, talk to Katie she already answered it so my lottery ticket for the first time, first year student, and 2400. So it's basically like such a little chance to get in.

20:06:51 But they said they're trying to get everybody in first year, in, I'm kind of confused. Do you have any like suggestions like what I should do, or like for getting an offer like signing a lease like one would be the due date, basically.

20:07:07 I want to see if Kate has any ideas for you.

20:07:13 I'm sorry the information that I have from residents right now is they are trying to get everyone in first year and offer and residents, but that is confusing and hard because those lottery numbers do look so large.

20:07:26 That being said, there are over 2000 spaces in residence and some students will not be accepting their residence offer.

20:07:34 So it really is going to be, I think, touching goal between that that you may get an offer and it does put you in a bit of a difficult situation, I suggest chatting with your, your family and your supporters about what your, what kind of risk level you're,

20:07:49 you're comfortable with and then also when talking to landlords finding you know they might be wanting to do a month, a month or they might be wanting to do a four month so it may depend on when you're talking to off campus landlords, what, what their

20:08:05 comfort level is with you as well. You may also say you know what, I don't want to go past August 15 without not knowing like what is the amount of risk that you and your family or your supporters want to take on.

20:08:17 So, yeah, I'm sorry.

20:08:19 Yeah, no problem. And the last question I have is, with opening restrictions and Victoria, will they open up more spaces in residence, they they've opened up as, as much as they can, under the most recent update.

20:08:36 So maximum right.

20:08:38 There's no more room so sadly, stuff like without coven, it'd be at the maximum many ways. Yes, that's right. Okay.

20:08:45 All right, thank you.

20:08:47 and just wanted to add something to Logans questions. I'm not sure exactly what your preferences, but just a fellow student living off campus is still pretty like a pretty good option.

20:09:00 A lot of people enjoy it. And in terms of economy, it's still a good choice it's not like being forced to give a lot more money for living off campus so just based on your first question, thinking about the choice between the two.

20:09:14 If it happens that you have to live on campus you can't get in residence. I wouldn't say that you'd like missing out and part of the experience. Yeah, I still think it's a great option.

20:09:26 That's great insight thanks so much Isaac, hopefully we've answered your questions Logan if you do have more just free Raise your hands and we'd be happy to address them all down on the floor to Alvin I hope I'm pronouncing that correctly.

20:09:44 Hi, can you hear me. Yes, I can hear you.

20:09:47 Okay, thanks. Um, I was wondering how many are available for students in total.

20:09:56 Sorry, could you repeat that one more time.

20:10:00 How many units are available for students to stay in in total. I heard somebody say that it's over 2000, but I'd like to know, like, Do you guys know exactly what number that is.

20:10:11 It sounds like a residence question so I'll pass it back to Kate but it is sounding like 2000 is the current max for this year's presidents, Kate Do you have an exact number, I believe it's just above that.

20:10:24 I'm one of the complexities, is that we are currently building a new residents building, and in order to do that we had to decommission one building. So it's some, I want to say it's somewhere between like 20 120 300, but that includes like, you know,

20:10:40 the community lit leaders who live in residence as well. Um, but it's right around that eight that range.

20:10:47 Sorry, I don't have the exact number.

20:10:50 Okay, thank you. Do you know how many, how high the number goes for the first year students for the lottery positions that I do not know. I'm sorry. Okay, that's fine.

20:11:04 Thank you. I have one more question Can I ask that question.

20:11:09 Have you guys ever had a situation where somebody was looking for housing, but everything fell through. They just had an emergency situation, what would you guys do in that, in that case,

20:11:23 Kate, have you have you experienced this.

20:11:29 Um, it may be a better question for Amy I'm not sure, because I'm orientation, I don't generally like chat with students like one or two weeks in so if they're still in temporary housing, I would imagine that they would be like continue in a temporary

20:11:45 location until something comes up again from my knowledge I know folks may have spent like two or three days in like temporary housing or hotel or an Airbnb or something like that like short term until they found a location, and then other folks that

20:12:01 may have been longer.

20:12:04 Amy Have you heard of this at all from any of the international students.

20:12:12 Usually, in general, people do find housing, there's no student will be homeless or you Vic would support them and figure out a way, a path forward. And so, if you are having a housing crisis I suggest, if you're an international student come directly

20:12:29 to us at to our office and speak to us we have had students in the past show up with suitcases, and in a complete panic. So it does happen but extremely rare and we're definitely liquid support students and help figure it out and navigate through these

20:12:46 situations. So, no, no students have actually randomly walked around Victoria with suitcases, no. Will we definitely work something out and find temporary housing for you and look for a longer term housing as well, and guide you in that we can't do the

20:13:02 housing search for you but we can certainly support, support you as much as we can.

20:13:08 Thanks. See me also to add first students who may be coming from other areas of Canada, it may not be clear who to go to if you are in a housing emergency situation, but there are folks on campus who can help you or they will refer you to the right folks

20:13:24 so if you are in an emergency, we definitely recommend connecting with counseling services. First and foremost, and they would be able to refer you to the folks at activate the system to be able to help students in an emergency situation.

20:13:40 So there are definitely places on campus where you can connect, even if you're just talking to the Welcome Center on campus. Everyone here is trained to be able to get you to the right people to support you in a situation.

20:13:53 Also Kate sorry to just add something else as well in the coming days are our offices, communicating with you that homestay as well so there could be some beds coming available in you Vic homestay, we don't have the official number yet but that's something

20:14:08 that we're definitely working towards. So that would be another great way to work out a temporary housing situation or critical situation that you find yourself in so again if you're an international student, pay attention to our website and in the coming

20:14:25 days. Hopefully by Friday we'll have some information up there for students regarding you Vic homestay

20:14:35 neat things for that album design and develop your questions.

20:14:40 Yes, Thank you very much for those answers. Thank you.

20:14:43 Great. And Logan a senior hand has popped up again. How can we help you.

20:14:49 Yeah, another question about schedules to those those times change throughout the day.

20:14:55 Like all the regularity.

20:14:59 They.

20:15:02 So I know they have different times on Saturdays and Sundays.

20:15:07 I don't know if you need a Victorian I'd recommend showing up like 10 minutes early. They are not known to always come exactly on time.

20:15:16 Because come a bit later, a bit early but it should be.

20:15:21 Monday to Friday, it's going to be these times for the year. And then, Saturday, Sunday, maybe a bit less. Yeah, I have another question though it's like, let's just say for example bus name 788.

20:15:31 I like odd sometimes during the day or come every 30 minutes, and then sometimes the day I'll come every like an hour, two hours. Is it all the same.

20:15:44 No, definitely decrease.

20:15:44 Maybe like six or seven for that it'll start coming like last but during the chunk like during the workday hours, like a nine to five it'll be really consistent.

20:15:56 Like, it depends on the route though.

20:16:04 Great, um, are there any other questions before we end this call.

20:16:11 I'll probably give it up, give it about a minute and if I don't see anything else, appearing will be well, we'll head off for the needs.

20:16:27 Last question from Alvin,

20:16:32 how many you have another question for us.

20:16:44 Can you hear me.

20:16:45 We can hear you now. Yeah. Sorry, I think I had my hand raised by accident.

20:16:51 Yeah, that's what worries I have no question. Thank you. Hey, um, I also just got a message in the chat just wondering if it's worth it to search for housing a little bit further away with cheaper rentals and costs, if you do go by car.

20:17:08 It really, really depends. So, if you are going a little bit further, going into Langford or Sue, it might be cheaper but it might not be cheaper just depending on what you are actually looking for and what you want in terms of like if you want with an

20:17:23 older building or if you want to live in a brand new building this also impacts the rent costs. So I think that is a decision let's say for you to consider.

20:17:35 As someone I grew up in Vancouver where traffic was quite busy and then moving to Victoria I found that traffic is not as busy, so I personally find commuting around.

20:17:49 Greater Victoria is not that bad, generally nothing more than like about a 45 minute drive. It feels like out in sukkah really heavy traffic day so I just for that question.

20:18:05 It really depends on your preference, and what you can find the hope that I hope that answers that for our chat question.

20:18:08 Yeah. Um, yeah I'll give it, I'll give it about 30 seconds here and if we don't get any more questions, we will head off for the night, or the morning to your whole career you are coming in from it.

20:18:29 Okay.

20:18:31 Great. And again, if you do have questions you can email orientation and we will try and put you in a direction that that to help you. So, you will not be left alone from here you can email orientations,

20:18:55 And we hope you have a wonderful rest of your, your evening or morning, very early in the morning.