

8 Must-ask Questions for Retirement Community Interviews



**Visiting or interviewing potential
retirement communities?**

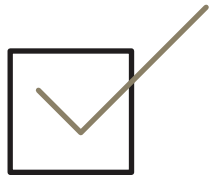
**Here are 8 questions they
should answer.**



What are the contract provisions?



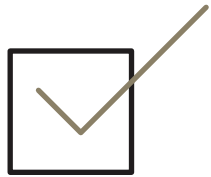
Contracts



Know entrance qualifications and how to apply.



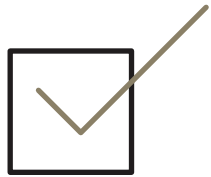
Contracts



Get specific on services and amenities included in the contract.



Contracts



Are higher levels of care included or at an extra cost?



**What continuum of care
is available?**



Continuum of Care



Know if care includes assisted living, memory care, rehabilitative, and long-term nursing care.



Continuum of Care



Know the provisions or costs of accessing higher levels of care.



**How is the community owned
and operated?**



Ownership



Look at community oversight and who serves on the board of directors.



Ownership



Are residents represented by resident councils and on the board of directors?



Ownership



Investigate financials from key financial ratios to investments.



What amenities are offered, and are there costs for using them?



Amenities



Look for special perks like dog parks, walking trails, and community gardens.



Amenities



Is there a variety of meeting and activity space, such as art studio, classrooms and large multi-purpose auditorium?



Amenities



Are there convenient options for banking and postal services, as well as closed circuit TV and intranet communications?



**Are mealtimes and dining
options flexible?**



Dining



Entrées should vary often and include fresh, healthy ingredients.



Dining



Culinary professionals should lead planning with support from dietary specialists.



Dining



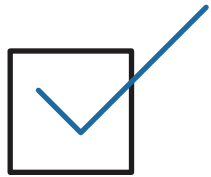
Do the style and services of dining venues suit your personal preferences?



Are fitness and wellness priorities?



Wellness



Fitness staff should be accredited fitness professionals.



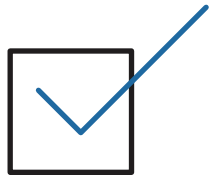
Wellness



Do facilities include a state-of-the-art gym and heated indoor pool?



Wellness



Routine health care services should have regular hours and staff.



**How robust is the monthly
activity program?**



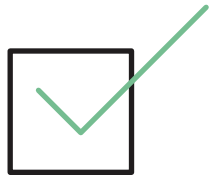
Activities



Are outings, community events, special interest groups and educational programs regularly available?



Activities



Activities should be offered and encouraged at all levels of care.



**Who is responsible for community
and home environmental services?**



Environmental Services



Are security personnel on duty
24 hours a day?



Environmental Services



Is routine home maintenance provided and available 7 days a week?



Environmental Services



Is weekly housekeeping included in your monthly fee or is there an extra cost?

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