

Chris Schutte 0:02

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G 0:16

Yep.

Chris Schutte 0:19

Awesome. Okay, so I want to start with just a little bit of background. And I just want to let you know that I'm going to be looking at the screen, a lot, I am listening to you, but I need to be like looking at this and taking some notes. Don't ever stop answering just that's just the way it's going to go. So I want to start with a little bit of background about your housing, while you were at see you. When did you first move on to off campus housing from see you.

G 0:54

I moved in in August of 20... 2018.

Moved in August 2018

Chris Schutte 1:01

And when you're at sea you what dorm did you live in?

Lived Stearns East

G 1:05

Stearns East.

Chris Schutte 1:07

And how would you say that experience was?

G 1:10

It was average,

Chris Schutte 1:12

Average?

G 1:13

yeah.

Chris Schutte 1:13

Would you care to elaborate just a little bit on what you mean by that?

G 1:17

I'm the dorm seemed a little bit outdated older. And there's also a problem with the heating as well.

Dorms Outdated and Heating Issues

Chris Schutte 1:30

Okay, so I want to move just a little bit back into off campus housing sort of around about there. It's fine, um, when you moved into off campus housing after Stearns. How was that whole experience.

A. 1:43

The dorm experiercer or...?

Chris Schutte 1:45

The moving off, moving out

G 1:47

Moving was pretty was pretty easy.

Moving

Chris Schutte 1:51

Why did you choose to live off campus rather than on campus?

G 1:56

Less costs in terms because the housing costs, was a lot freshman year, and to

have my own room to myself.

Chris Schutte 2:04

Were there anywhere motivating factors besides cost and privacy?

G 2:08

Not really.

Chris Schutte 2:10

Where do you live now you can be as specific as you want to be

G 2:14

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Chris Schutte 2:19

Why did you choose the specific location?

G 2:24

I already knew people who willing to live with me, and so they chose this place and I decided to live with them.

Chris Schutte 2:30

So you have roommates?

G 2:31

Yes.

Chris Schutte 2:31

How many roommates do you have?

G 2:34

Three.

Chris Schutte 2:35

What do you pay a month, if you're comfortable saying?

G 2:39

About 623 a month.

Chris Schutte 2:42

And there's four of you and you all pay 623?

G 2:44

Yes.

Chris Schutte 2:45

Are you happy with the place you have right now?

G 2:48

I'd say so. Yeah.

Chris Schutte 2:50

What's the place like in general?

G 2:53

It's, it's a little old, but I'd say it's better than Stern's.

Chris Schutte 2:58

Have you had any issues with the place that you live in now?

G 3:02

There's been a few maintenance issues in the past but they've been fixed relatively soon.

Boulder is Expensive
Cost and Privacy Main
Factors of Moving (on
campus is expensive)

Roommates picked a place

4 Roommates

Boulder is Expensive
623 a Month

Happy with Place

Boulder is Expensive
Little better than Dorms,
Cheaper

Bad Rental Companies
Maintenance Issues

Chris Schutte 3:07

What's the best thing about your neighborhood.

G 3:10

It's quiet.

South Boulder is Quiet

Chris Schutte 3:11

And what's the worst thing about your neighborhood?

G 3:19

Probably just the homeless problem that's kind of around here. But it's not as bad as up north.

Homeless Problem

Chris Schutte 3:28

Okay, next category is kind of going to be about what you know about the real estate market in Boulder, just so you know you can always answer I don't know any of these questions. But the first one is going to be what are the major neighborhoods?

G 3:42

I don't know.

Little to no Knowledge about
Boulder Real Estate
Lack of Knowledge

Chris Schutte 3:43

Sure. What do you know or have heard about these neighborhoods, if you know any of them?

G 3:51

Most of them are probably really expensive.

Boulder is Expensive

Chris Schutte 3:54

What are some things to look for in a property listing?

G 3:59

I don't know

Chris Schutte 4:00

What are some things to look for in a lease agreement?

G 4:08

My best guess would be probably the dates of when to submit things.

Chris Schutte 4:15

What protections do tenants have any of them that you know of?

G 4:19

I don't know

Chris Schutte 4:21

What our occupancy laws?

G 4:24

I don't know

Lack of Knowledge
Nearly no Knowledge of Leases
or Listings

Chris Schutte 4:25

What is the maximum occupancy of your house or zone?

G 4:31

Four

Chris Schutte 4:33

So you do know those occupancy laws?

G 4:36

Just like where I live?

Knows about Occupancy Laws
by Inferring

Chris Schutte 4:38

Yes

G 4:39

I assume it's just for four because I have 4 roommates. But that's it.

Chris Schutte 4:44

How expensive is boulder per bedroom, on average, just to the best of your knowledge?

G 4:50

Probably, I guess the average from all the people I've talked to would say about 800, a month per person.

Chris Schutte 4:57

How does that compare to Colorado as a whole?

G 5:02

Probably more expensive than other places.

Chris Schutte 5:05

Do you know any common scams that you would look for on a lease?

G 5:09

No

Chris Schutte 5:11

what resources does campus have for renters?

G 5:16

I don't know.

Chris Schutte 5:17

And have you ever used any campus housing resources?

G 5:23

I don't think so.

Chris Schutte 5:24

Besides, the dorms.

G 5:25

Yeah

Chris Schutte 5:28

Alright next I'm going to ask you about your specific housing situation. Okay, as it pertains to like the renter landlord relationship. Okay. So who's your landlord?

I don't know.

G 5:40

It can be the company as well. Oh, I guess it would be Harvard lane?

Chris Schutte 5:45

Did you know anything about them before you moved off campus.

G 5:48

No.

Chris Schutte 5:50

Do you feel like they care about you?

Lack of Knowledge

800 per Bedroom Average
Boulder is Expensive

Boulder is Expensive

Campus not Informing Students
of their Housing Resources well
Enough

Lack of Knowledge

Bad Rental Companies
Landlord, Harvard Lane (Actually
Rent Boulder Now)
Lack of Knowledge

G 5:53

Uh, yeah, I'd say so.

Feels like they Care

Chris Schutte 5:57

Is there anything they do particularly well.

G 6:04

Not that I can think of.

Chris Schutte 6:06

Is there anything to do especially poorly.

Bad Rental Companies
Feels Maintenance is not
Handled Well

G 6:12

Probably handling the maintenance requests.

Chris Schutte 6:16

And do you plan to stay where you are.

Plans to Stay

G 6:20

Yes.

Chris Schutte 6:21

Okay. Lastly, I want to talk about hindsight, so anything that maybe you learned about living off campus since you moved off campus. What are the main things you wish you knew before you moved off campus?

G 6:36

Probably to learn all of the housing laws and zoning laws into. I guess read the, the lease and agreement more carefully, just for the sake of knowing it not saying that I've been scammed yet or anything.

Feels they need to know more
about Boulder Housing

Chris Schutte 6:50

Is there anything else you wish you knew before we were off campus doesn't have to be related like code it can be just about like life stuff too?

G 6:59

find good roommates.

Good Roommates

Chris Schutte 7:02

Is there anything you feel would have made moving or living on your own a little easier?

G 7:10

I guess just be efficient about the stuff you have and how to pack it. But that's Yeah.

Chris Schutte 7:17

And what mistakes if any Do you think you made when you're looking for a place to live?

G 7:22

I'm probably trying to jump on the first chance at moving in somewhere, rather than trying to wait it out and look for something that's better.

Wait for a good opportunity,
don't just go for the first
available place

Chris Schutte 7:37

So would you say you, you feel there are opportunities you missed out on because you jumped at the first available?

G 7:43

Now there's a, there's an opportunity I had before this one that I have, and that one was the worst choice compared to know

Chris Schutte 7:49

Gotcha, so that was something that you learned before you even move to this

location.

G 7:54

Yes.

Chris Schutte 7:55

Gotcha. And what things do you feel you did well when searching for a place to live. So I guess that goes back to that?

G 8:04

I guess maintaining good relationship with my roommates and staying on time with all the payments and all the agreements that have to be done.

Maintain good roommate relations

Chris Schutte 8:10

Okay. All right, that's all I have for you. I'm good, thank you so much for participating. No problem I do appreciate it. And if there's anything else you want to say on the record you can say it now.

G 8:22

I don't have anything.

Chris Schutte 8:23

All right.

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