

SHORT-TERM RENTAL FAQs

18. What Information Do I Need To Disclose To Guests?

- A host must provide written notice to guests informing them about the following:
- Any known, non-obvious, or concealed condition, whether man-made or artificial, which may present a danger to the short-term rental guest
- A local 24-hour emergency contact for the short-term rental
- The valid short-term rental permit number
- Any indoor/outdoor surveillance equipment on the property
- Any known, non-obvious or concealed surveillance equipment, including, but not limited to, digital video cameras/recorders/monitors, streaming video security cameras, audio recorders/monitors, or any other electronic means of secretly watching, listening, or recording.
- In the event the short-term rental guest does not consent to the short-term rental host utilizing an indoor interception device(s) for the either in-part or the entire duration of the short-term rental guest's stay, the short-term rental host shall immediately deactivate the indoor interception device(s) and shall not intercept, listen, monitor, record, or like thereof, any activity inside the short-term rental.

19. Are There Penalties For Violating Columbus City Codes Related to Short-Term Rentals?

- Yes. Columbus City Code Section 598.20 provides for criminal penalties for violating the short-term rental laws. Please review for specific criminal penalties.

20. Where Can I Learn More Information?

- You can visit the City's by visiting <https://www.columbus.gov/str/> or email the City at ShortTermRentals@columbus.gov