ANSWER KEY · MCW-AS05 · KEEP SEPARATE

Answer key: Lease red-flag hunt

Each call is checked against the province's own tenancy page.

1 · A · Red flag (Orange)
BC: up to half of one month's rent as a security deposit. On $1,600 that's $800 at most. Source [1]

2 · B · Red flag (Orange)
BC: landlords can't charge a fee for pets beyond a pet damage deposit, such as a monthly pet fee. Source [1]

3 · C · OK (Green)
BC: pet damage deposit no more than half of the first month's rent. $700 is under $800. Source [1]

4 · D · Red flag (Orange)
Quebec TAL: the lessor cannot require postdated cheques, though both sides may freely agree to them. Source [2]

5 · E · Red flag (Orange)
Quebec TAL: the lessor cannot charge additional amounts as a security deposit or other charge, such as a key deposit. Source [2]

6 · F · Red flag (Orange)
Ontario's standard lease explains that landlords can't ban guests or pets. Source [3]

7 · G · Red flag (Orange)
Ontario: the guideline for 2027 is 1.9%; for most tenants rent can't go up by more than that. Exceptions exist. Source [3]

8 · H · OK (Green)
Ontario: most private residential landlords must use the standard lease template for new leases. Source [3]

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1	2	3	4
◆ Orange	◆ Orange	● Green	◆ Orange
5	**6**	**7**	**8**
◆ Orange	◆ Orange	◆ Orange	● Green

◆ **Orange** = Red flag (6) ● **Green** = OK (2)

Notes and questions

HOW WE CHECKED THESE ANSWERS

Lease lines are invented for practice. Rules were matched to the BC, Quebec TAL and Ontario pages, read on 2026-11-28. Ontario's page was updated 18 September 2026; BC's on 4 March 2026.

Sources (official pages, read on 2026-11-28): [1] BC, Tenancy deposits and fees: https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/housing-tenancy/residential-tenancies/starting-a-tenancy/deposits-fees (checked 2026-11-28). **[2]** Tribunal administratif du logement (Quebec), Paying the rent: https://www.tal.gouv.qc.ca/en/being-a-lessee/paying-the-rent (checked 2026-11-28). **[3]** Ontario, Renting in Ontario: your rights: https://www.ontario.ca/page/renting-ontario-your-rights (checked 2026-11-28).