

Building Inspections - Building Safety, 51 State St.

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Subject: Building Safety, 51 State St.

Hello--

I have been renting from Apartment Mart at 51 State St. for over two years now. I came home from work a little over a week ago and discovered that the lock on the rear door of the building had been removed--I'm assuming because they weren't able to come up with keys for new tenants. The management office has been completely unresponsive to my 2 e-mails & message left with the answering service expressing my concern.

I feel terrifically unsafe with this new setup, particularly considering the rash of burglary attempts locally. And the regulations I've read online, though not specifically for Portland, say there needs to be a deadbolt on both front and back door of the building, otherwise it's considered to be a "maximum habitability problem."

The Portland Tenants Union suggested I contact your office. Is there any way to have this safety issue enforced and make Apartment Mart accountable? I would greatly appreciate your help in this regard.

Sincerely,

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