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Key concepts, responsibilities, and best practices for effective oversight of residential, commercial, and mixed-use properties.

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## 1. What Is Property Management?

| Aspect           | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| Definition       | The professional administration of real estate assets on behalf of owners, covering day-to-day operations, financial performance, and tenant relations.                                                                        |
| Goal             | Preserve and enhance property value while delivering a safe, functional, and profitable environment for occupants.                                                                                                             |
| Typical Settings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Residential (apartments, single-family rentals)</li><li>• Commercial (office, retail, industrial)</li><li>• Mixed-use developments</li><li>• Homeowners' associations (HOAs)</li></ul> |

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## 2. Core Responsibilities

### 2.1 Operational Management

- **Leasing & Marketing**
  - Advertise vacancies, show units, screen applicants, prepare lease agreements.
- **Tenant Relations**
  - Respond to inquiries, enforce lease terms, handle complaints, coordinate move-ins/outs.
- **Maintenance & Repairs**
  - Routine upkeep (landscaping, cleaning), emergency repairs, preventive maintenance schedules.
- **Safety & Compliance**
  - Ensure building codes, fire safety, ADA accessibility, and local ordinances are met.

### 2.2 Financial Management

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- **Rent Collection & Delinquency Control**

- Set rent rates, collect payments, issue late notices, pursue legal action if needed.

- **Budgeting & Forecasting**

- Prepare annual operating budgets, forecast cash flow, plan capital expenditures (CapEx).

- **Accounting & Reporting**

- Record income/expenses, reconcile bank statements, produce monthly/quarterly owner statements.

- **Tax & Regulatory Filings**

- Track deductible expenses, prepare 1099s, assist with property tax appeals.

## 2.3 Legal & Risk Management

- **Lease Documentation**

- Draft/modify leases, addenda, and renewal notices.

- **Eviction Process**

- Follow statutory procedures, represent owner in court if required.

- **Insurance Oversight**

- Verify property, liability, and workers' compensation coverage; manage claims.

- **Litigation Management**

- Coordinate with legal counsel for disputes (e.g., tenant lawsuits, contractor issues).

## 2.4 Strategic Management

- **Asset Optimization**

- Conduct market rent analyses, recommend rent adjustments, evaluate renovation ROI.

- **Vendor Management**

- Solicit bids, negotiate contracts, monitor performance of contractors, vendors, and service providers.

- **Technology Integration**

- Implement property management software (PMIS), online portals, IoT sensors for energy monitoring.

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## 3. Property Management Workflow (Typical Cycle)

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## 1. Pre-Leasing

- Market analysis ? Set rent ? Advertise vacancy.

## 2. Tenant Screening

- Credit check ? Background check ? Income verification ? Lease signing.

## 3. Move-In

- Walk-through inspection ? Document condition ? Issue keys.

## 4. Ongoing Operations

- Collect rent ? Handle maintenance tickets ? Conduct periodic inspections.

## 5. Renewal or Turnover

- Offer lease renewal ? If turnover, schedule cleaning/repairs ? Re-list unit.

## 6. Financial Close-out

- Reconcile accounts ? Prepare owner statements ? Pay vendors.

## 7. Strategic Review

- Review performance metrics ? Adjust rent/expenses ? Plan capital projects.

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## 4. Essential Skills & Qualifications

### Skill

### Why It Matters

**Communication** Builds trust with owners, tenants, and vendors; resolves conflicts quickly.

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