



## **VERIFY THE LISTING**

- Cross-check the rental on multiple platforms to see if the same photos or descriptions appear elsewhere with different contact info or pricing.
- Be wary of listings with unusually low rent or vague details—they're often bait.



## **COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY**

- Always speak with the property owner or manager directly. Scammers often avoid phone calls or in-person meetings.
- If someone claims to be out of town and insists on handling everything remotely, that's a red flag.



## **NEVER PAY BEFORE SEEING THE PROPERTY**

- Don't send deposits, application fees, or rent before touring the unit and signing a legitimate lease.
- Use secure payment methods—never wire money or pay via gift cards or cryptocurrency.



## **CHECK CREDENTIALS AND LEASE TERMS**

- Ask for proof of ownership or property management credentials.
- Read the lease carefully and ensure it includes standard terms like rent amount, due dates, and maintenance responsibilities.

# **Tips to Avoid RENTAL SCAMS**

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