

GET SMART

ABOUT HOUSING RENTAL SCAMS



Searching for housing? Scams are prevalent, so be careful when you rent.



43%

of U.S. renters have encountered a rental scam
(Better Business Bureau)



\$350 MILLION

was lost to housing/rental scams in 2021
(2021 FBI Internet Crime Report)



18-29 year-old renters are
42%
more likely to experience rental fraud
(Better Business Bureau)



9.1%

of renters ages 18-29 have lost money to rental scams
(compared to 6.4% of all renters)
(Forbes)

Make sure a listing is legit before you commit.



Never wire transfer a security deposit or first month's rent before meeting the landlord



Always tour or have a person you trust visit the property



Never pay anything before signing a lease

Report Housing Rental Scams



Federal Trade Commission reportfraud.ftc.gov



Website where fraudulent listing was posted (e.g. Craig's List)



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