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How to Avoid Being the Victim of a Rental Scam

You scoured the internet for the perfect rental. And then—jackpot. The unit is nicer than the others out there, and the price is somehow lower. The landlord isn't able to show you the property, but will mail the keys once you share your social security number and a money order.

You've got to snatch up a great deal when you see one, right? Hold up. When a deal sounds too great, that's a [rental scam](#) red flag. Here are some ways to avoid falling victim to one—and what to do if you already have.

What It's Like to Be Scammed, Firsthand

What might a rental scam look like? It can take different forms. We've heard a series of common themes from people who shared their stories with Trulia.

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