



## RENTAL SCAMS

Some warning signs of possible rental scams:

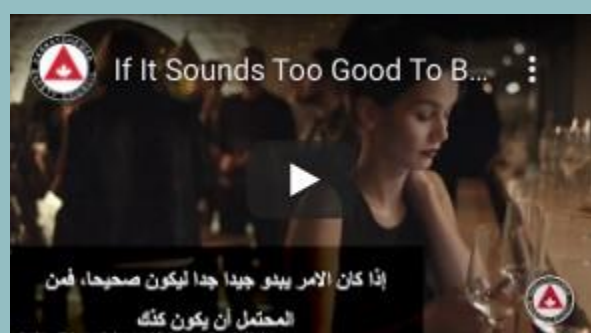
- The landlord requires payment in cash or through a wire transfer.
- The apartment or house is much cheaper than other places in the area.
- The landlord is not available to personally show you the rental unit.
- The rental unit is posted on multiple websites with different contact information.
- The rental unit looks very different than it did in the pictures you saw.
- The landlord asks for a large amount of money to hold or apply to rent the home.



How to avoid a rental scam:

- Do an online search of the building's address to see if there is anything surprising or there are any warnings about it.
- Read your rental agreement and any other papers you are asked to sign. Ask for help from a person you trust if there is something you do not understand.
- Ask the person showing you the rental unit about the history of it (e.g. how long it was rented for in the past, why the people moved out, etc.).
- DO NOT give money to anyone without meeting them and seeing the rental unit in person.
- Ask the landlord to provide proof of ownership such as Land Titles or a Property Tax Notice, whenever possible.

\*If you think you have been a victim of a scam, contact the local police or the [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#).



Rental scams should feel like this - **"If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!"**

Link to the video <https://youtu.be/vTHrR7efl> available in many different languages.

Video Courtesy of the Saskatchewan Safety Council.

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