

Scammers 101

What is a **SCAM**? (Definition) A dishonest scheme; a fraud.
A scammer tries to get money from a prospective tenant for an apartment that the scammer is in no legal position to rent. The apartment might be real, but the “landlord” is more likely an impostor.



Avoid Red Flags:



- You're asked to send money without having met anyone or seen the apartment.
The landlord seems too eager to lease the apartment to you.
You're asked to pay an unusually high security deposit or too many upfront fees.
- You feel unwarranted sales pressure.
- You are told you don't need a lawyer.
- You are told you don't need a lease.
- The landlord has a convenient excuse for not being able to meet you or show the property.

Tips to Remember

- Don't let your guard down when looking for an apartment.
- Just because you use a reputable apartment search Web site Does not mean you cannot get scammed by unscrupulous landlords or people posing as landlords who manage to get their listings onto these sites.
- If something feels wrong with a listing, the application process feels rushed, or the whole experience just seems too good to be true, "THEN IT MIGHT JUST BE."



**Say NO
To Scammers!**

Please Note: *The University assumes no risk in your leasing experience with any properties. The University does not own any off campus housing facilities. We only provide information and a website that provides housing accommodations for our students, staff, and faculty.*