



# How to Spot a Rental Scam

**New to the military or nearing retirement? When you are searching rental listings or looking for a rent-to-own property, no matter the source, be wary and use a discerning eye.**

**Here are a few things to look out for:**

- The “lister” is asking you for area information - “Send me the zip code”
- The “lister” is asking you for private messages or to send a friend request
- The “lister” asks you to fill out personal information on an external website
- The “lister” states you can view the property without them
- The property address isn’t listed, just photos
- No credit checks or background checks are needed
- The “lister” does not provide upfront contact information
- The rental images don’t match the area’s typical home or landscape  
Example: Palm trees in Wyoming

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