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## **AVOID RENTAL SCAMS**

### **Avoid Rental Scams and Dishonest Landlords**

#### **Red Flags - Beware!**

- ❖ If the landlord will not meet you in person
- ❖ If the landlord will not personally walk through the property with you
- ❖ If the landlord asks for the security deposit before you sign the lease
- ❖ If you see the same property advertised on different web sites by different people or different management companies or different prices
- ❖ If the property has a for rent sign and the phone number on the sign isn't the same as the landlords
- ❖ If the landlord lives out of state and doesn't have a local management company with whom you can have regular contact.
- ❖ If the landlord will not provide you with their office or home address
- ❖ If the landlord asks you for money up front to help you find a property
- ❖ If the landlord doesn't have an official Rental Application form for you to complete
- ❖ If the landlord does not require that you sign a legally binding lease and then gives you a fully executed copy of the lease