



Burlington Housing Authority cannot guarantee the accuracy of rental ads. Do not pay a deposit to look at or “reserve” an apartment.

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### Warning Signs To Watch For When Renting

- The Landlord does not want to meet with you in person.
- The Landlord claims to be out of the country.
- The Landlord does not return calls or emails.
- The Landlord (or person purporting to be the Landlord), is evasive/does not answer your questions about the property.
- The Landlord asks for rent or a security deposit before signing lease.
- The Landlord offers you the opportunity to move in immediately, without having a chance to see the property.
- The Landlord is ready to make a deal with you without doing any reference checks.
- Never, ever, wire money. There’s never a good reason to wire money to pay a security deposit, application fee or first month’s rent. Wiring money is the same as sending cash — once you send it, you have no way to get it back.
- Do not share personal information (credit/debit card info, bank account numbers, etc.), that has nothing to do with renting. If a Landlord demands this or similar information contact the person you are working with at BHA.
- Beware of rental listings that are full of errors. Responsible landlords and property managers will take the time to write an accurate listing.
- If you have any doubts about a rental listing or what a landlord is requesting call the person you are working with at BHA.

