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Security Hints & Tips

Booking a Vacation Rental? "Getaway" from These Scams!

Getting ready for a vacation? If you plan to use a popular vacation rental website or application (app), such as Airbnb, Homestay, or Vrbo, to find your next getaway, beware. Cybercriminals use these services to trick you and steal your money.

How Do I Know It's a Scam?

Don't let scammers ruin your vacation. Remember the following tips when you're booking your next vacation rental online:

- Book on an official site. Only use reputable websites that offer protection against fraud and have a secure payment portal.
- Make sure that the property actually exists. Search for the property on Google Maps or another map service. If you know someone in the area that you will be visiting, ask them to check out the property for you. Scammers might use an address that does not exist or the address of a random business, vacant building, or parking lot.
- Research the rental listing. Before you make a deposit, search online for the property owner's name and address and look for images of the property. If you find multiple listings with different contact information, reconsider booking the property.
- Read the reviews. If a property has multiple negative reviews or no reviews, consider a different property.



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