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TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS:

1. **Meet in Person:** Always inspect the property before signing a lease or making payments.
2. **Beware of Upfront Payments:** Avoid paying large sums upfront without signed agreements.
3. **Watch for Red Flags:** High-pressure tactics or landlords unable to meet in person are warning signs.
4. **Avoid Untraceable Payments:** Never pay via wire transfer or cash.
5. **Report Suspicious Activity:** Notify law enforcement or file a report with the Federal Trade Commission if you suspect a scam.
6. **Trust Your Instincts:** If something feels off or too good to be true, take extra steps to verify.

If you suspect a scam, report it to local law enforcement or the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>.