Rental red flags checklist

Warning signs of a rental scam or a risky deal, to check before you send money or sign.

NAME _____ DATE _____

STOP AND CHECK IF YOU SEE ANY OF THESE

- [ ] Rent is far below similar places nearby
- [ ] The landlord is "away" and can't show the unit
- [ ] They want a deposit before any viewing
- [ ] They ask for payment by gift card, crypto or wire transfer
- [ ] They pressure you to decide today
- [ ] The photos appear on other listings (try a reverse image search)
- [ ] No written lease offered
- [ ] They won't give a full name or address
- [ ] They ask for your passport or SIN early
- [ ] The listing text is copied from elsewhere

What I checked, and what I found:

SOURCES (CHECKED 2026-11-26)

You can report fraud and scams to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/report-signalez-eng.htm (checked 2026-11-26)