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## **WARNING: Be aware of apartment lease scams. Don't lose your money!**

Recently, there has been an increase in leasing scams that have impacted international students looking for housing. This includes housing found on Facebook and Craigslist, and elsewhere, offered by illegitimate landlords who request up-front payment, sometimes in unusual form (Zelle, etc). Please be careful before signing a lease, a sublease, or sending any rent, deposits, or other fees in relation to a lease. If you are unsure about the validity of a proposed lease, please contact [Student Legal Services](#) [1] (SLS) before signing the lease or sending any funds. They can review the lease and provide you advice for free. Further, use reputable sources to search for housing, such as U-M's Beyond the Diag [resources](#) [2] and [off-campus housing search engine](#) [3] or [University Housing](#) [4] on campus.

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