

BEWARE OF FRAUD!

Please be aware of scammers posing as landlords with available rentals. Please be sure to *report* to The Housing Authority of Indiana County should any fraudulent activity occur with a landlord on the HAIC Landlord List!

WHAT SHOULD YOU WATCH OUT FOR?

- *Do not* pay a deposit to hold a rental!
- *Do not* pay a deposit to be shown a rental!
- *Do not* provide any sensitive information such as your social security number or bank account information during the pre-approval process for a rental!
- Be wary of any substantial fees associated with a rental *prior* to signing a lease!

Note: (Some properties may have an application fee for processing which typically includes a background and credit check. If the amount being asked to process the application seems substantial, this may indicate fraud.)

- A legitimate landlord will never ask for money *before* you've seen the property or have committed to renting the unit.
- Scammers often request payment through methods that are difficult to trace, such as wire transfers, gift cards, or payment apps such as Chime, Cash App, PayPal, Venmo, etc.
- A legitimate landlord will be willing to meet you in person to show the property and discuss the terms of the lease.