

## SCAMS - NEVER PAY ANYTHING BEFORE VIEWING AND SEEING A CONTRACT.

For those nurses still searching for your next accommodation I want to remind you that there are honest legitimate private landlords out there renting their accommodation, however

### NEVER pay anything BEFORE

- Viewing the property or room
- Meeting the landlord or their agent at the property
- Seeing and signing the contracts
- Checking that all the emails and communications make sense and no contradictions.
- **If it all seems too good to be true ..... it's a scam**

**One of our international staff alerted us to a scam** involving someone claiming her property would be rented through Airbnb, so there would be no risk etc etc

- Asking to pay £3,000 and an appointment to view will be arranged and paperwork signed AFTER.
- This scammer was using many techniques to 'hurry the deal'.
- If our nurse had not been sensible enough to see through it, she could have paid and lost £3,000 for a property that did not belong to the person.
- Photos of properties are easy to find and post.

<https://www.airbnb.co.uk/bristol-united-kingdom/stays/monthly>

If you look on here, **Airbnb** monthly rental is

VERY expensive

<https://community.withairbnb.com/t5/Help/Rental-Scam-Red-Flags-and-How-to-Avoid/td-p/657514>

Please look on

here to avoid scammers that are claiming to be using Airbnb.

You can only book an Airbnb rental on the official site – NEVER with an individual

**Accommodation** – usually advertised on FaceBook, Gumtree, Rent a Room all online. Some examples below:





There are too many concerns on this property to be comfortable.

1 the invoice does not look right.

2 why is payment being asked to a name, not Airbnb?

3 Airbnb would not send you an invoice unless you had gone to Airbnb.

4 those flats are being sold for over £400,000 so would be rented for much more than £1,500 per month **INCLUDING BILLS**

5 it is not the full address of the property on the invoice

6 there are discrepancies on the number of bedrooms

**Usually if it is too good to be true, it is not true.** She is trying to panic you into paying £3000 without any real evidence there will be a property at the end of it.

Very suspicious

You always need to see the property and a contract before you hand over any money please.