How to Protect Your **Rentals Against** Squatters, Scoundrels, & **S**cammers







#### **Tenant Turner provides**







Tenant Lead Scheduling Software Live Leasing Line Call Center Secure, Self-Access Electronic Lockboxes



#### Lead management & showing scheduler

Tenant Turner will maximize your tenant leads by making the process easy, online, and nearly instantaneous which

Reduces Days on Market

**Reduces Days Vacant** 

**Reduces Rent Loss** 



#### Property managers named us the <u>Best</u> <u>Leasing Solution</u>

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#### Agenda

- 1. Overview of Self-Access
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- 4. Best Practices to Prevent Squatters & Scoundrels
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- 6. Best Practices to Prevent International Scammers



## **Overview of Self-Access**







#### **Self-access done for decades**







#### **More companies are trying self-access**

# 34%

#### of customers has an electronic lockbox

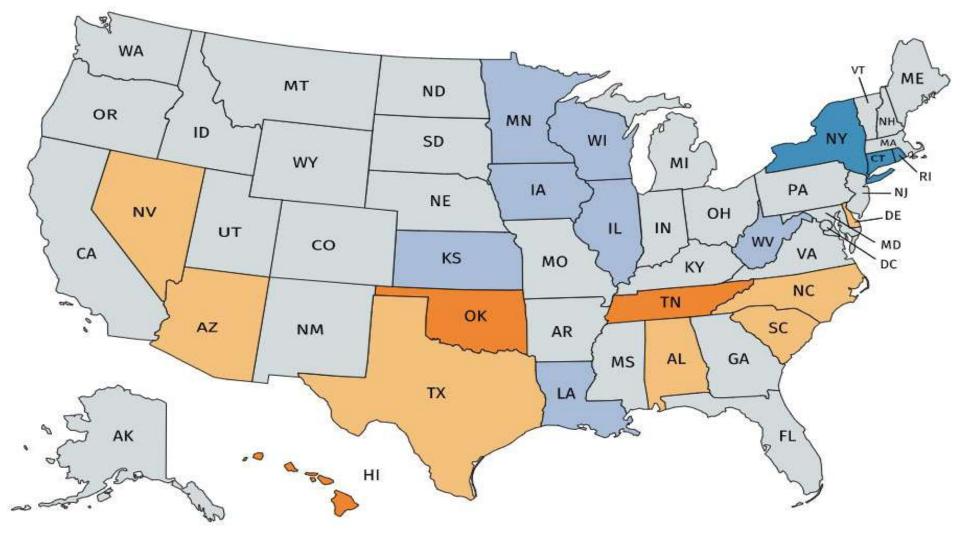
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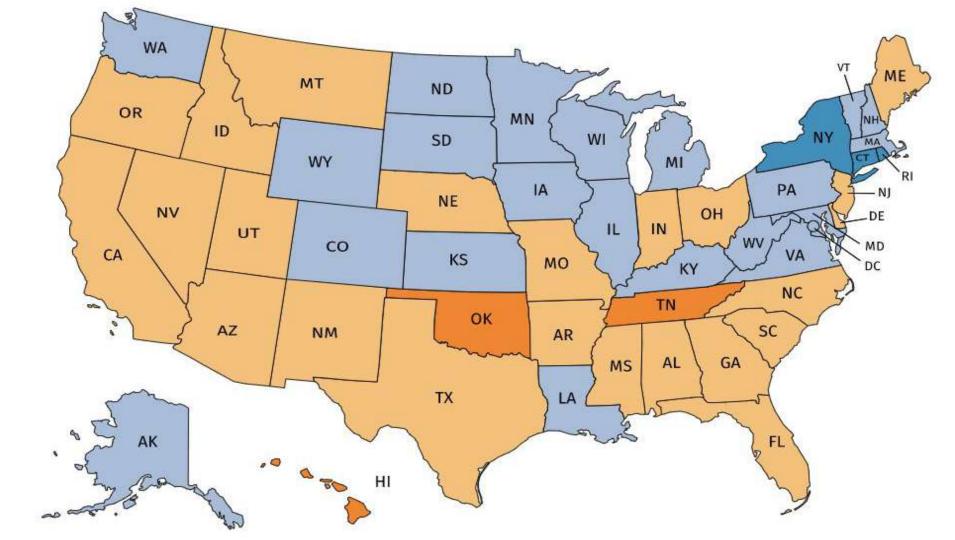
#### Use of self-access is on the rise

#### of active listings have an electronic lockbox

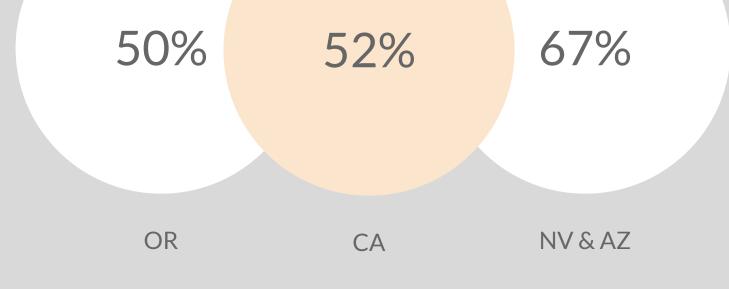
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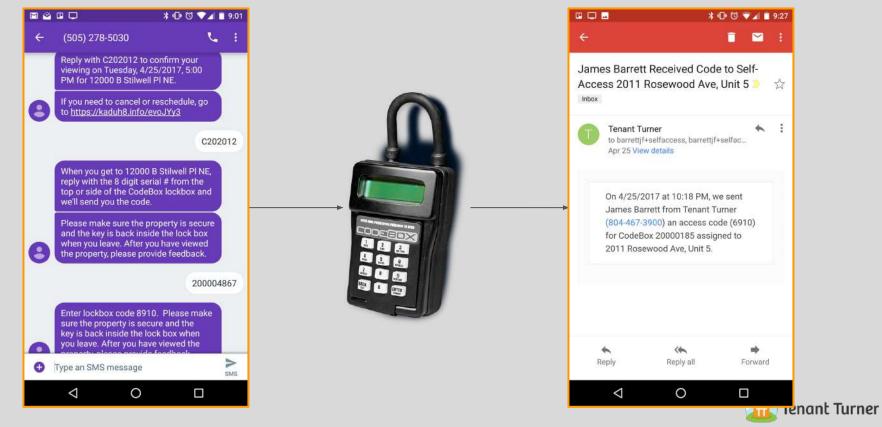


#### **California and your neighbors**





#### So how does this all work?



## **Benefits of Self-Access**



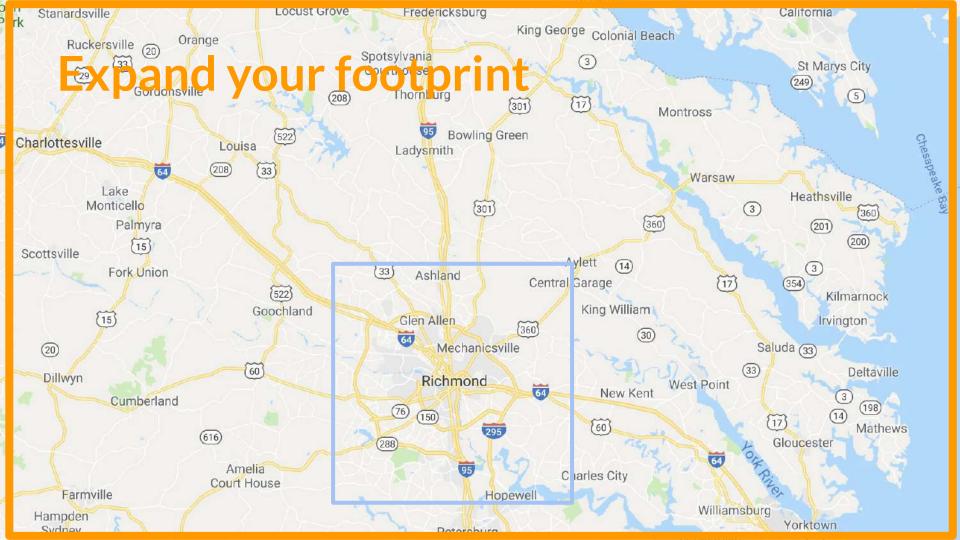
#### No safety risk to your agents

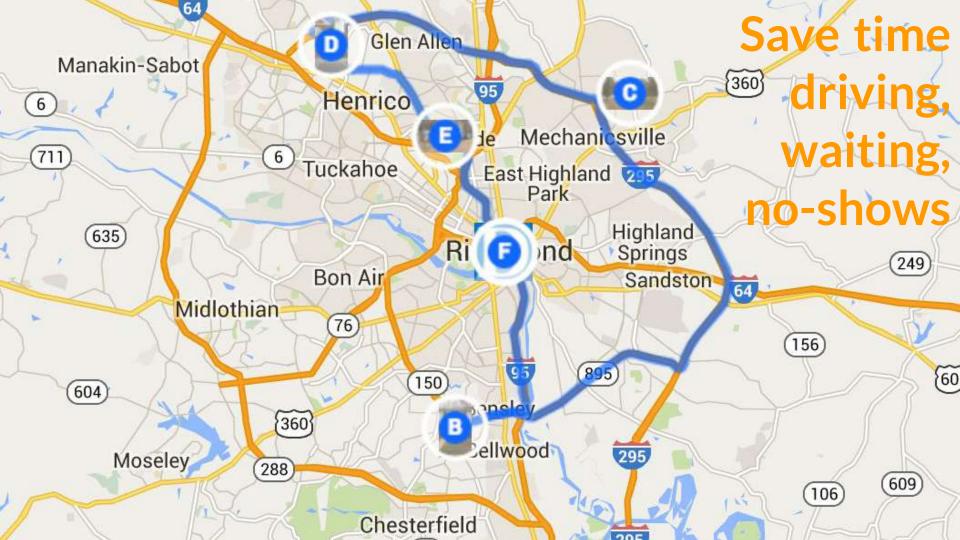


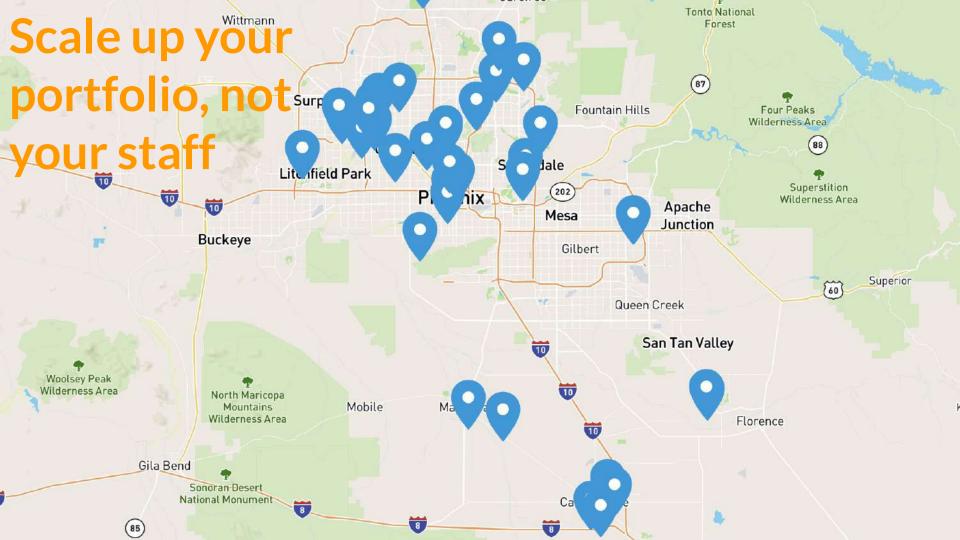
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#### **No third party commissions**









#### No downtime with self-access









#### Tenant leads prefer to go on their own

No pressure No small talk



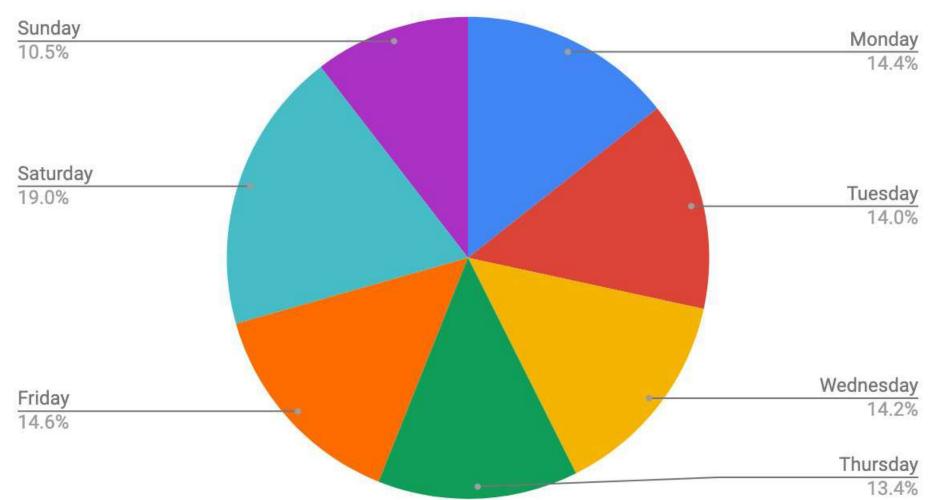
#### **Rent faster with more availability**

## 38%

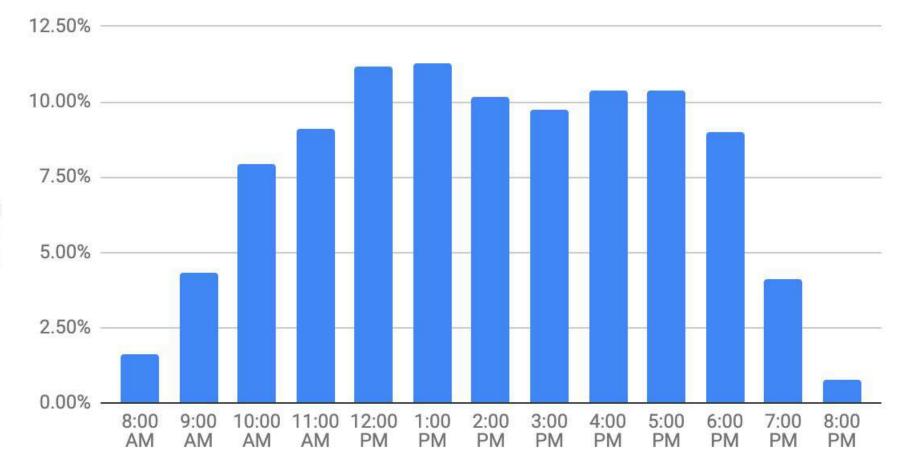
#### of self access viewings happen after hours



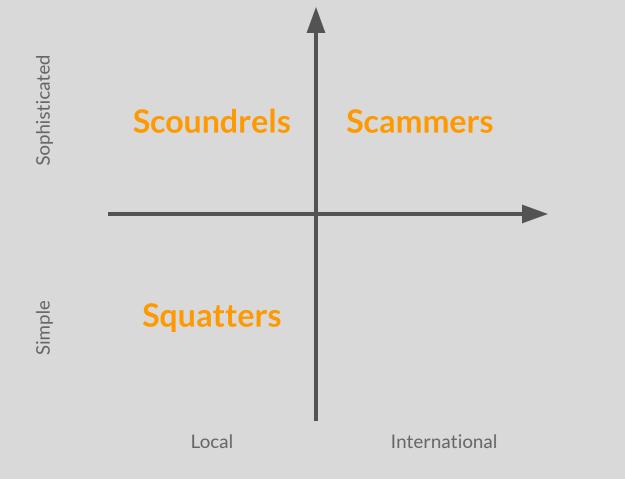
#### Viewings



#### Viewings vs. Time of Day



Viewings





# Overview of Local Squatters & Scoundrels



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#### **Organized criminals working in teams**







## Best Practices to Prevent Squatters & Scoundrels



#### **Do not display lockbox from street**

#### (804) 409-3832

Trodug Muris III

Hi, James. When you get to 3400 Cabana Dr, #2066, reply with the 8 digit serial # from the top of the CodeBox lockbox and we'll send you a private code.

#### Apr 5, 10:37 AM

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The CodeBox is on the back door. When you leave, please make sure the property is secure, that the key is back inside the lockbox. After you have viewed the property, we will email and text you to provide feedback--please let us know how your viewing went.

Apr 5, 10:37 AM





#### **Avoid announcing vacancy**







#### Don't put self access in your descriptions You could even put in something like - do not disturb current occupants



#### **Put up cameras**







#### \$10 Cheap & Fake

Mid-price w/ local storage

\$80

\$350 + \$50/mon Pricey w/ remote monitoring





#### **Permanent cameras with PointCentral**

(804) 554-3229 To confirm your viewing for 1225 13th Street Northwest #606 at Sun, Jan 6th at 3:00p, reply with C6289 If you need to cancel or reschedule, go to http://ga.tenantturner.com/v/b 698f499-0541-4e4f-aef5-9 58bae2e70f40 C6289 Enter code 830883 V. The lock will automatically unlock in a few seconds and you can open the door. If you have any issues click here, https://pointcentral.wistia.com/ medias/1v9og2nil7 🙂 🖬 🔛 🖪







#### **Monitor feedback from other viewers**

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÷	(617) 545-7961	L :
0	Thanks for viewing 6 Navy Place! Reply with 1 - 5 to rate this rental (5 is the best). Reply 0 if you didn't go. Julie, 5:30 PM	
	<b>5</b> Jul 7, 8:51 AM	0
8	One last question. Do you have any additional feedback about the property? Jul 7,8 52 AM	
	The carpet needs cleaning. Jul 7, 8:52 AM	0
0	Thanks for your feedback. We've already emailed you a link to the rental application but here it is again in case you're ready to apply. <u>https://</u>	
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Metrics			
		Last 7 Days	s Total
Leads: People who provided their name ar	id contact info,	41	185
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Leads Scheduled: Leads who scheduled viewings (confirmed and unconfirmed).			30
Viewings: Scheduled viewings that didn't get	canceled or marked as a no	show. 17	21
Feedback			
Date	Rating (1-5)	Comments	
5/13/2019 1:22 PM	4	"Would we have to provide our own washer and dryer?"	
5/11/2019 12:37 PM	4	"this is a very nice property "	



#### **Blacklisting real, local people**





#### **Self-access insurance**

# **SUREVESTOR**INC. SMART INSURANCE FOR THE RENTAL HOME INVESTOR



## **Overview of International Scammers**



### **Scams happen every day**

JAMES, learn how to identify and avoid scams.  $\square$  Inbox x

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Our fraud prevention checklist helps you identify and avoid scams.

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Helpful tips:

Never trust caller ID Scammers can easily exploit caller ID technology to display false identities, including law enforcement or even Bank of America employees.

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#### Know how to identify red flags

Are you being pressured to send money or urged to act quickly? These are common ploys used by scammers. If something feels off, trust your instinct.

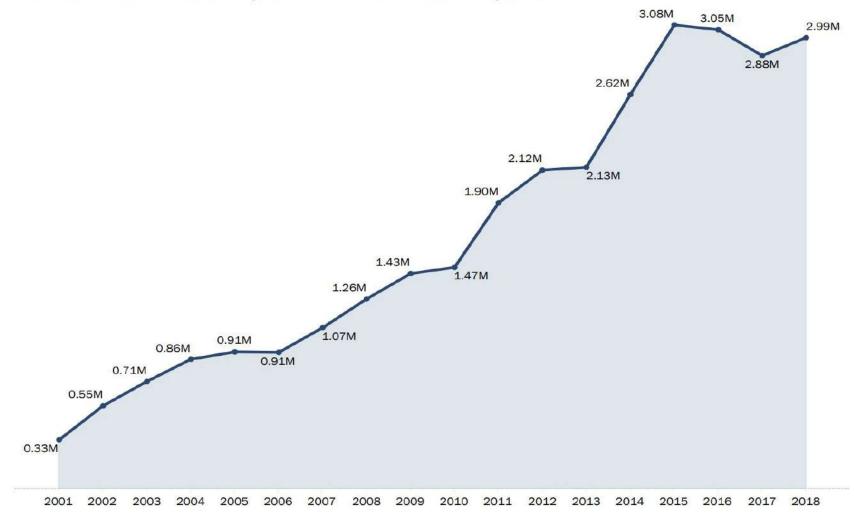
Our fraud prevention checklist provides tips to help you recognize red flags and avoid scams. Together we can identify and resolve potential fraud events faster.

Let's fight fraud together





#### Number of Fraud, Identity Theft and Other Reports by Year



Apartment or house rented fraud is one of the fastest growing scams

#### **Identity Theft Reports by Type**

Theft Type	Theft Subtype	# of Reports	% Difference from Previous Year
Credit Card Fraud	New Accounts	130,928	+24%
	Existing Accounts	32,329	-6%
Employment or Tax-Related	Tax Fraud	38,967	-38%
Fraud	Employment or Wage-Related Fraud	30,592	+44%
Phone or Utilities Fraud	Mobile Telephone – New Accounts	33,466	+28%
	Utilities – New Accounts	21,994	+0%
	Landline Telephone - New Accounts	7,738	+28%
	Mobile Telephone – Existing Accounts	4,983	+6%
	Landline Telephone – Existing Accounts	1,453	+25%
	Utilities – Existing Accounts	1,322	+20%
Bank Fraud	Debit Cards, Electronic Funds Transfer, or ACH	23,219	+0%
	New Accounts	19,639	+12%
	Existing Accounts	12,990	+2%
Loan or Lease Fraud	Business\Personal Loan	20,328	+82%
	Auto Loan\Lease	18,815	+89%
	Non-Federal Student Loan	6,327	+78%
	Apartment or House Rented	5,439	+50%
	Real Estate Loan	5,178	+17%
	Federal Student Loan	5,082	+119%

#### It's a constant concern for tenants

#### of all renters have encountered a suspicious listing in their hunt for new housing

43%



#### **Experiences with Rental Fraud by Metro**

Metro 🗘	Encountered Fraud Listing	Lost Money 🗘
San Francisco	47.8%	< 1.0%
Los Angeles	46.7%	2.2%
National	43.1%	6.4%
Cincinnati	42.9%	2.4%
Sacramento	42.2%	2.3%
Phoenix	41.5%	2.4%
San Diego	41.3%	6.5%
Denver	37.8%	8.9%
New York	37.2%	7.1%
Seattle	36.2%	4.3%
Chicago	36.2%	2.1%

#### **Because scammers are making millions**

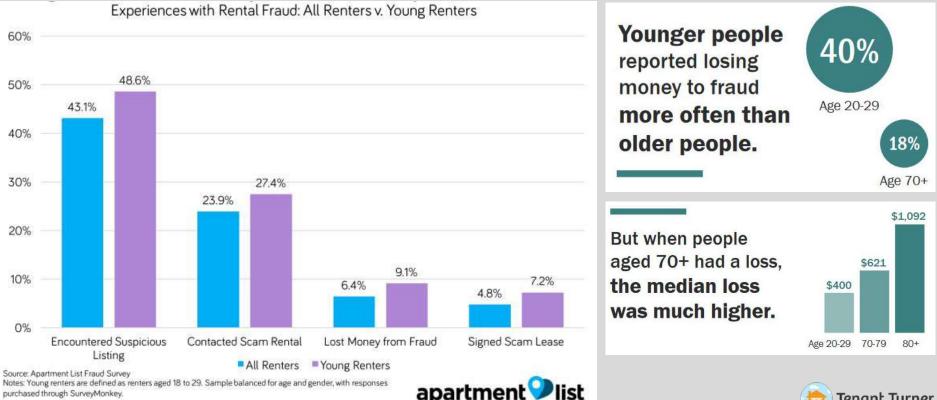
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#### million renters have lost money to rental fraud



## **Young renters more impacted**

purchased through SurveyMonkey.



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Of Renters Who Lost Money from Fraud, 1 in 3 Lost \$1,000+ Money Lost on Fraudulent Listings



### **Collect credit card to stop fraud**

Credit card*	
Full name*	
Card number*	
	16 digits on the front of the card
CVC or CVS*	
	I digits an back of the card
Expiration Date*	Month Year



## Credit card fraud is on the rise too

#### **Identity Theft Types**

Rank	Theft Type	# of Reports
1	Credit Card Fraud	157,688
2	Other Identity Theft	122,499
3	Employment or Tax-Related Fraud	67,374
4	Phone or Utilities Fraud	63,563
5	Bank Fraud	52,529
6	Loan or Lease Fraud	51,856
7	Government Documents or Benefits Fraud	24,854





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#### **100 million cards stolen from just...**





## You need permission to charge a card

#### 1225 13th Street Northwest #606 🧯

Scan a copy or take a picture of your driver's license or other government issued ID. If you cannot upload one now, we can email you a reminder with a link to this page to upload later.



Upload later

Photo ID upload and third party, fraud detection checks processed on each lead before they get a unique, one-time use access code.

PHOTO



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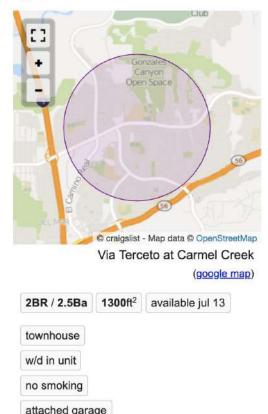




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#### \* \$3400 / 2br - 1300ft<sup>2</sup> - Carmel Valley Townhome for Rent (Carmel Valley) 🗵

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#### **Craigslist is the tool of choice**

#### of scams start on Craigslist

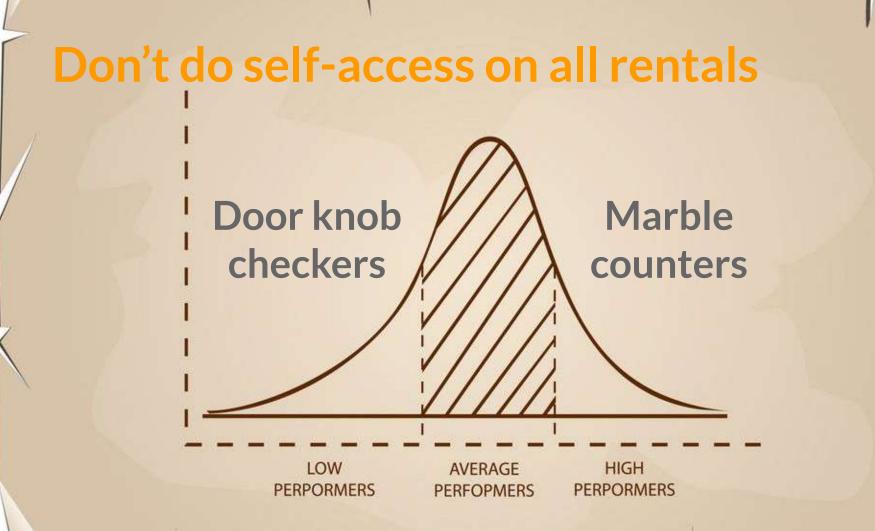
95%



## Scammers use social engineering to get others to do their dirty work

## Best Practices to Prevent International Scammers







## Don't let people view after dark

## Call when you're notified of visit

self-access viewings

17

in-person showings

13



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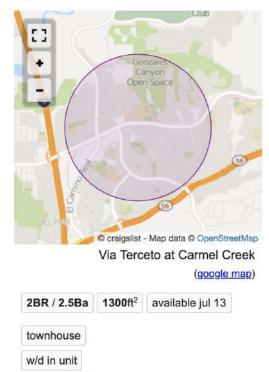


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Watermark your photos and monitor Craigslist to see if scammers have hijacked your listings.





no smoking

### **Flag Craigslist postings quickly**

#### unique IPs before a listing is pulled

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## **Auto-monitor with TT AI**

- Real-time risk scoring using machine learning
- Reputational data on IP addresses, email address, phone numbers, devices, and more
- Post-event monitoring
- An ever growing, proprietary database of reputation data
- Custom risk models built specifically for the property management industry



#### **Scam overview**

Yeah, the scammers will hijack your unwatermarked photos and create their listing on Craigslist. They get people to inquire and share their ID and/or credit card. The scammer combines the stolen information with their own phone number and email address that they use to register an account and get scheduled to view your rental. Then they have another person go to the rental and share the lockbox serial number so the scammer can get the access code. The scammer will either share that with the person at the rental or try to schedule a larger group of folks to go during the access window.

We introduce roadblocks from real people getting involved in these scams by collecting more than just ID or credit card (ex. device ID, time zone, distance to rental, etc) so that scammers and scams are identified and stopped. We'll also call the person out by name (which would be different if they were being scammed) and even tell them that if someone asks for their code, they are a scammer.



Call out the lead by name to act as a red flag when scammers use different people to conduct their scam

When we send the one-time use code, we tell people that if someone asks for the code, they are a scammer



## **Craigslist monitoring & notification**

We have seen repeated attempts to get a code for 1219 Camillo Way by a scammer. We have blocked 3 of the fraudulent leads from getting a code. Each attempt looks like a different person but we have traced them all back to the same individual. The scammer will post your rental on Craigslist, usually at a discount, and gather interested leads. They will then use these leads' phone numbers along with fake information and enter it into Tenant Turner. They complete the pregualification process for the lead and use a fake email, so the lead only ever receives a text from Tenant Turner asking them to enter the Codebox Serial Number and then they receive a code. The scammer then asks for this code so he can re-use it and get more people from Craigslist to view the rental.

The scammer will continue to target this property if he has generated a lot of interest on Craigslist. You may want to configure the Viewing Approval for this rental to Take Requests and call anyone who requests a time to view the rental to verify they are who they say they are, not the scammer using a real person's ID. Knowing this rental has become a target for a scammer, you may also want to check on the home and monitor Craigslist to see if your rental has been posted. Suspected Fraudulent Leads

Did not receive a code Cox Nadi, coxnadin592@gmail.com, 12099493924 Dustin Baker, dustybarker3719@gmail.com, 12099493924 Sean Lewart, seanlewart179@gmail.com, 16232778121

We will continue to monitor this and your other rentals and notify you of anything we discover. Let us know if you find any craigslist posts posted by the scammer and we can help mark them as prohibited. If you have any questions, please let us know.



# Put your sign out front

#### The scammer will say they fired you



## WARNING!

There are many online scammers trying to steal money from renters like you. DO NOT send money or anything of value to anyone you have not met! IT IS A SCAM AND YOU WILL LOSE YOUR MONEY!

We care about you and our community, and we want to protect you from those seeking to lie to you and steal your money. Please be aware that there are many online scams regarding rental properties. Criminals will pressure you to wire money or send money by Western Union, Money Gram, Bitcoin, PayPal, or Venmo. Don't do it.

#### This property is offered for lease only by

**{Company Name}** 

DO NOT deal with anyone regarding this property other than us and

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- Mobile Devices or Telephones
- Internet Services, Online Shopping, or Computers
- Education, Jobs, and Making Money
- Credit and Debt

Other

#### WELCOME TO COMPLAINT ASSISTANT

Complaints from consumers help us detect patterns of fraud and abuse. The FTC would like to know about your complaint and the Complaint Assistant will help guide you.

- Choose a complaint category on the left. Choosing a complaint category will present several subcategories.
- If you can't find a match select the "Something Else" option and we will categorize your complaint for you.
- Answer a few questions related to your complaint and then tell us what happened in your own words.

If you have a complaint about how a company is handling your personal information, click privacy concerns. NOTE: If you're experiencing issues related to identity theft please refer to the "Report Identity Theft" section below.

Report Identity Theft	Do Not Call Registry	Report International Scams	Related Items
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IdentityTheft.gov is the federal accomment's one-stop resource for	The National Do Not Call Registry	econsumer.gov is where you can	







## Keep it real with your staff and owners

- You will be safer
- Save time and money
- Rent faster
- Be more consistent with viewings
- Scale up faster

- Lights will be left on
- People will use the bathroom
- Windows will be opened
- Doors will be left unlocked









# Fewer distractions, better tenants, faster leases, happier owners

Contact James @ 804-467-3900 or James@TenantTurner.com to learn more.

