

25 Warning Signs - Red Flags When Screening Applicants

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1. If the current landlord does not know the applicant is moving, you may have a problem.
2. No bank account of any kind, you may have a problem.
3. If they talk about how they love to garden, ask permission to plant here or there...you've probably got a problem.
4. If they come with alcohol on their breath..., you've got a problem.
5. If they don't even get in the door to look at the potential home and say they'll take it..., you've probably got a problem.
6. If the person who is supposed to rent the place remains fairly quiet and the other one is asking a lot of questions but isn't going to be living there (wink, wink), you may have a problem.
7. If the car they travel in is a living pigsty inside..., you may have a problem.
8. If they want the place right now or tomorrow..., you may have a problem.
9. If they show up with a u-haul filled to the brim....you have a problem.
10. If the kids are many and have dirt all over their mouths or have sticky hands..., more than likely you've got a problem.
11. If you can hear the car coming from around the block (whether it be the motor, smoke, muffler, or music), you've got a problem.
12. If a man wants to know how much light comes in the apartment, because he had a large collection of house plants, you may have a problem. Anyone who wants to trade rent for work is GOING to be a problem.
13. Anyone who asks to paint is GOING to be a problem.
14. Anyone who tells you a story about the ir landlord is going to be a problem.
15. Calling from a hotel or motel (and they are not from out of town), you may have a problem.
16. Living with family, friends, ex-boyfriends, ex-husbands, ex-roommates, shelter,

hotels, motels, jail.

17. Just started a new job (and they have had more than two or more other jobs in the last two years) you may have a problem.
18. Has a dog, but does not know the breed, you may have a problem.
19. If they want a payment plan for security when they already have bad credit, you may have a problem.
20. If she and her "fiancée" apply, but one can't be on the lease, you may have a problem.
21. You call them back and the phone's been disconnected, you may have a problem.
22. When you call someone back who says they will be the only occupant and a friend they are living with takes the message, you may have a problem.
23. Someone calling you for a friend, you may have a problem.
24. Three guys. Yeah, right!!! You may have a problem.
25. Moving because the landlord won't fix anything, you may have a problem.

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