

Flat advertisements you should be sceptical about

Example 1:

16 square meters for 120 Euro chic old building top location 9 people sharing (0 women & 8 men) looking for 1 man

- You can almost be sure that this is a room in a student fraternity, as they can usually offer very cheap rooms
- Also, most fraternities are gender homogeneous
- The political spectrum of the student fraternity can range from rightwing conservative to right-wing radical.

It is better not to move in here.

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Example 2:

Cheap room for rent to young female student

- It is not uncommon for dubious types to hide behind room advertisements that are aimed exclusively at women
- In some ads, it is sometimes openly or somewhat hiddenly implied that the rent is to be paid through sexual "services"

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Example 3:

2-room flat, 45sqm, city centre: 350 euros: "Against transfer of a deposit we will send you the keys to view ...".

- Since the landlords (allegedly) live abroad, you are asked to transfer money to view the flat? Do not get involved!

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Example 4:

1 room flat, 35sqm, near campus, 300 euros warm, 300 euros cold. "You can transfer the deposit to my account in the Netherlands ... then we can make the contract".

- Fraudsters are going to more and more trouble: holiday homes are rented out for viewing. And directly on site, people are then offered to rent the flat. But only if people transfer a deposit to a foreign account
- You should only pay a deposit after signing a rental contract
- You should also become sceptical if the information does not make much sense, for example, if the total rent is equal to the basic rent