

Huurteams Wageningen

Are you coming to Wageningen? Don't get scammed!

Have you found a place to live and are you about to sign a rental agreement? Then please pay close attention and be careful. With the help of these tips, you can avoid being scammed yourself when looking for a home.

Every year around this period, towards the start of the new academic year, we see it happen. A lot of new people from home and abroad who come to live in beautiful Wageningen. Unfortunately, that is also the period when there are scammers who take advantage of the fact that these new students are often young and unfamiliar with (the) renting in Wageningen.

Tips:

1. Landlords never approach you in advance when you are looking for a room.
2. View the contract and have it checked in advance via Huurteams Wageningen.
3. Never pay in advance and certainly not in cash
4. Normally, when the contract is signed, the deposit (max 2 months rent) and the first rent are transferred to the name of the manager/landlord. Check whether the name and account number match the rental contract.
5. Scammers want to get as much money as possible from you, for example deposit or first month's rent, before you even see the house. They do this with arguments of "then it's reserved for you" or "then the signing will come later". Never do this.
6. If you are told that you have to transfer the money to a lawyer abroad, DO NOT! These are ways to ensure that transactions can no longer be traced.
7. Don't give a copy of an ID card This is a way for scammers to commit identity fraud. In principle, always say no, because it is not an obligation to do so. Are you still convinced that the landlord is legitimate and are you happy to send a copy? Then send a copy with the personal number and document number crossed out.