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## **Attorney General Moody's Week In Review - July 8, 2022**



This week, I kicked off our Summer Scams Series to protect Floridians and our millions of visitors.

Summer is a popular time to travel, move and undertake home improvement projects. Consumers can spend large amounts of money on these ventures. Meanwhile, scammers follow the money and develop schemes to exploit the seasonal demand.

Our first Consumer Alert of the series warns about vacation rental scams.

Fake ads for rental properties are all over the internet. Responding to these ads can cost consumers money and leave them stranded with no place to stay.

To avoid vacation rental scams:

- Request additional pictures of the property;
- Conduct a reverse image search to see if photos of the property are linked to multiple websites;
- Read reviews of the rental company; and
- Never leave a rental company's platform to pay a deposit through another website.

For more information about vacation rental scams and to follow our Summer Scams Series, visit [MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](https://www.myfloridalegal.com/consumeralert), and as always stay safe, Florida.

Ashley

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