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## Rental Horror Story: Who Goes There?

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### The Short Story

This is the final installment in our series of rental horror stories. Read the first one [here](#).

A roommate who eats your day-old pasta from the fridge isn't so bad, compared to one who gobbles up [your identity](#). What could be scarier than a roommate with a dastardly combination of ill intentions and access to your personal and financial information? Even if you've found a roommate through a personal referral and made best efforts to check their background, it's wise to err on the side of caution.

### What To Do?

- Always password-protect your computer and your email.
- Keep personal and [financial](#) information in a locked file drawer or security box.
- Don't disclose personal or financial information (such as your social security number, [bank account](#) information, and [credit card](#) numbers) in phone conversations that might be overheard.

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