

Airbnb rentals: A growing problem for concerned parents

The growth of the short-term rentals, stemming from the influx of commercial interests buying up residential units to rent on sites like Airbnb, has become a significant concern among parents and law enforcement agencies across the country. The safety challenge parents face with the influx of Airbnb short-term rentals into neighborhoods is well documented, as communities across the country are experiencing more neighbors being replaced with revolving doors of complete strangers every week.

Man Renting Airbnb Charged With Attempting To Sexually Assault 7-Year-Old

“Michigan man is charged with felony second-degree criminal sexual conduct of a victim under 13. He remains jailed in lieu of \$250,000 bail.”
([Star Tribune](#), 9/26/17)

Mom’s Warning After Convicted Sex Offender Stayed in Her Airbnb


“A North Carolina mom is warning others after a wanted sex offender was arrested at the home she rents out using Airbnb.”
([WFMY CBS North Carolina](#), 2/8/18)

Brothel Busted: Suspects Rented Home Through Airbnb

“A detective posed as a decoy to find out if a Backpage ad for an escort was inviting men into a rented home for rented sex with women, all while three children were inside.”
([ABC 24 Memphis](#), 7/20/18)

What government leaders can do to safeguard our children

Parents, community leaders and government officials have a duty to protect the youngest and most innocent among us – our children. Government leaders should pass laws to limit short-term rentals to primary residences only to protect true home sharing, while stopping commercial investors from buying up homes to rent on Airbnb and replacing neighbors with a revolving door of strangers, which fracture our neighborhoods. Additionally, government leaders should require advertisements for vacation rentals sites, like Airbnb, to display the address of the rental and contain information concerning sexual offender and sexual predator registration.



“With a revolving door of strangers coming and going from short-term rental properties, tools like sex offender lists are becoming obsolete as there is no safeguard in place to stop a child predator from renting an Airbnb property next door.”

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