

Scamming is rife! How do you spot a scammer?

1. They use an email address other than the email address on this website. Our only email address is **info@oystertide.co.za** (we don't use any other domains, Hotmail or Gmail)
2. They WhatsApp you from a number that is not the cell number on this website. The only number we use is **0633140204**. If they say the owner is unavailable/overseas/in Cape Town and that's why they are using a different number, don't believe them.
3. They offer you the entire property on a self-catering basis (we will never ever allow this!)
4. They offer you a price for 20 people or more. (With few exceptions, we do not allow large group bookings because we are NOT a party venue!)
5. They offer you multiple rooms or the entire house for very cheap (we are not cheap!)
6. They don't charge per person (we do! And we aren't cheap!)
7. They say you can have functions/parties/visitors at the property (we will never ever allow this!) (I can't stress this enough!)(we are NOT a party venue!)
8. They have fake TikTok, Facebook & Instagram profiles that are extremely convincing. They have even replicated the owner's social media profiles.
9. They advertise on Facebook Groups like market place, gumtree, buy & sell, vacation and holiday home type pages. (we do not do this type of advertising because we don't need to. The scammers even pretend to be Umhlanga estate agents and authorised travel agents!)
10. They advertise on various self-catering Facebook pages and offer the entire property or a "holiday home"(we will never allow this!)
11. They ask for a low deposit (we require a minimum of a 50% deposit and if you check out our rates on our website, we aren't cheap!)
12. They block you soon after you pay the deposit (we are a professionally run business and don't block people who pay deposits!)
13. The latest scam is they charge you a fee to view the property. We will never do this.
14. Remember they are con artists - so they are extremely slick and have an answer ready for your every question. They even create fake reviews to build trust. Please don't be fooled! Check first before you pay by emailing info@oystertide.co.za or phone 0633140204.

How can you help?

Please report their posts! Comment that they are scammers on their fake profiles. Report their cell numbers as scammers on TrueCaller and WhatsApp. Thank you.