



Short-term Rental Host safety tips:

- Apply for the appropriate permit and license as required. More information can be found at www.ci.benicia.ca.us/str.
- Always receive payment and communicate through a trusted website (e.g. AirBnB, VRBO, etc.).
- Read profiles, verify phone numbers, connected social networks and references on your potential guests.
- Get insurance in the event of third-party claim of bodily injury or property damage related to a rental stay.
- Set requirements and security deposit.
- Install OUTDOOR cameras that face all doors, driveway or backyard. You won't be invading your guests' privacy but you will have a record of anyone coming and going from your home.
- Have a keypad door lock. Physical keys might get lost by guests, or worse, open the possibility of anyone making copies. You can always change the code to a keyless entry after each guest.
- Trust your instinct. If it doesn't seem right, move on to the next potential guest.

