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# The hazards of hoteling

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Booking a hotel stay for a summer vacation? Before you check in, check out how scammers try to take advantage of travelers.

## The late night call from the front desk

You think you're getting a late-night call from the front desk telling you there's a problem with your credit card, and they need to verify the number, so you read it to them over the phone. But it's really a scammer on the line. If a hotel really had an issue with your card, they would ask you to come to the front desk.

## The pizza delivery deal

In another scam, you find a pizza delivery flyer slipped under your hotel door. You call to order, and they take your credit card number over the phone. But the flyer is a fake, and a scammer now has your info. Before you order, make sure you check out the business, or get recommendations from the front desk.

## The fake Wi-Fi network

You search for Wi-Fi networks and find one with the hotel's name. But it turns out it's only a sound-alike and has nothing to do with the hotel. By using it, you could give a scammer access to your information. Check with the hotel to make sure you're using the authorized network before you connect. [Read more tips on using public Wi-Fi networks.](#)

Haven't booked your trip yet? If you're thinking of getting a vacation rental, take a moment to read up about [rental listing scams](#). And check out these [travel tips](#), including tell-tale signs that a travel offer or prize might be a scam.

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