

COVID-19

COMMON CORONAVIRUS SCAMS



UNEMPLOYMENT & JOB OFFER SCAMS

What

Unemployment, uncertainty, scarcity, debt create fear. Scammers like your fear. Fake SBA, employment services, recruiters, work from home, government relief emails, calls, texts appear. Being asked to pay to work.

Empower Yourself

Pause. Research. Use logic. Do not pay a fee to obtain a job. Do not supply SSN, credit card or other private info. Get details in writing. Avoid fake job ads. If seeking debt relief, be the person exploring the options and making the calls.



INVESTMENT SCAMS INVESTOR ALERTS

What

Scammers follow latest news, push out promotions in the form of research reports. Solicitation of companies and products that cure Covid-19. Microcap stocks and "pump-and-dump" schemes.

Empower Yourself

Is investment being offered have a guaranteed high return or no risk? Sense of urgency or limited detailed info? Is investment registered and is agent licensed? Stay educated. Ask questions. Use logic over emotions. Report.



CORONAVIRUS ROBOCALLS & TEXTS

What

Prerecorded messages and solicitations. False US government agencies and financial services. Pushing free home testing kits, debt relief, home cleaning, expedited stimulus checks. Donations.

Empower Yourself

Do not answer. Hang up. Do not follow prompts. Block. Delete texts. Do not share. US government agencies do not call, text or email. Bank texts on transactions are 6-digits not a phone #. Ignore texts saying you are exposed.

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PHISHING EMAILS & COMMUNICATIONS

What

Messages sent by US government entities. Subject has your name-password-Covid-19. Unknown. Unsolicited. Sense of urgency.

Empower Yourself

Do not click on links in unsolicited emails or from unknown sources. US government agencies never email, text or call you. Never provide personal or financial info. Nothing is urgent. Report fraud.



CHARITY & CO-FUNDING SCAMS

What

Recent surge in number of charitable and cofunding entities. Many are fraudulent, illegitimate, non-existent.

Empower Yourself

Do your homework. Research. Is entity legitimate? Don't feel rushed. This is your money. Don't send cash in the mail, gift cards, wire money or bitcoin. Never give confidential information. Scammers like your fears.



FAKE WEBSITES & SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

What

Scammers are setting up fake websites promising false products, treatments, cures, financial services.

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Is site a secure site? Do not provide personal or financial info. Links may contain malware. Use logic not emotion. Most sites named Covid-19 are fake. There is no Covid-19 vaccine.



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