



SCAM

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Protect yourself from individuals who want to steal your money. Start by learning their tricks. Here are some common scams:

Prize, Sweepstakes and Lottery Scam

This scam tells a victim that he has won a lottery and in order to collect his winnings, he must first send money to cover taxes or processing fees.

Person in Need or Emergency Scam

Targeting the elderly, the scammer poses as a relative in need or someone close to a relative who is in need and asks that the victim send money quickly in order to help.

Grandparent Scam

The scammer identifies themselves as the victim's grandchild and asks the victim to send money quickly because of an emergency. They also ask the victim not to tell their parents.

Romance Scam

This scam is perpetrated on internet dating sites with the scammer establishing a strong romantic connection with the victim and then telling the victim to send money so the scammer can visit him.

Internet Purchase Scam

This fraud promises goods at an unbelievable prices and requires the victim to send money as a deposit.

Lost Relative Estate Scam

This scam tends to prey on the elderly and occurs when the scammer contacts the victim pretending to be a long lost relative and asks the victim to send money quickly to them.

Employment Scam

In this scam, a fraudster pretends to be a job placement firm and promises a job, if the victim first pays a fee.

Shop at Home or Mystery Shopping Scam

A 'company' offers an opportunity to participate in a paid mystery shopper program and the scammer sends a check for a deposit in order to purchase merchandise from the store and evaluate the service. The check contains extra funds and the scammer asks for the extra funds to be sent back.

Counterfeit Check Scam

This scam occurs when a scammer sends money to pay for something a victim is selling, but the scammer sends more money to the victim than is required. He then asks for the victim to deposit the check and send a money transfer containing the extra amount back to the scammer.

Newspaper Ad Scam

It begins with an ad for something you want at an unbelievable price. You are asked to pay the purchase price via a money transfer. It results in you losing your money and having nothing to show for it.

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