



10 TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

Remember the following tips to protect you and your family from scams

- 1/ Never send money to someone you have never met face to face.
- 2/ Do not click on links or open attachments in unsolicited emails.
- 3/ Do not believe everything you see. Scammers are great at mimicking official seals, fonts, and other details. Just because a website or email looks official does not mean that it is. Even phone numbers can be spoofed to show a different Caller ID.
- 4/ Do not make purchases online unless the transaction is secure. Make sure the website has "https" in the URL (the extra 's' stands for secure), and a small lock icon on the address bar. Even then, the site could be shady. Do your research and check out the company first at bbb.org.
- 5/ Exercise caution when dealing with someone you have met online.
- 6/ Never share personally identifiable information who has made unsolicited contact with you.
- 7/ Do not give in to pressure tactics designed to make you act compulsively.
- 8/ Use secure, traceable transactions when making payments for goods, services, taxes, and debts.
- 9/ Whenever possible, work with businesses that have proper identification, licensing, and insurance.
- 10/ Be cautious about the amount of information you share on social media.

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