

TOP CORONAVIRUS SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM



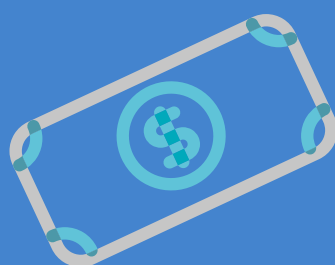
UNDELIVERED GOODS

Online sellers claim they have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies. You place your order, but you never get your shipment. Anyone can set up shop online under almost any name - including scammers, so be sure you know who you're buying from.



ROBOCALLS

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes. Hang up on robocalls and do not press any numbers.



FAKE CHARITIES

When a major health event like the Coronavirus happens, you might be looking for ways to help. Scammers use the same events to take advantage of your generosity. Some scammers use names that sound a lot like the names of real charities. Money lost to bogus charities means less donations to help those in need. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation and do your research.



MISINFORMATION AND RUMORS

Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified. Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources.



FAKE EMAILS, TEXTS AND PHISHING

Scammers use fake emails or texts to get you to share valuable personal information - like account numbers, Social Security numbers, or your login IDs and passwords. They use your information to steal your money, your identity, or both. They also use phishing emails to get access to your computer or network. If you click on a link, they can install ransomware or other programs that can lock you out of your data. Don't click on links from sources you don't know and watch for emails claiming to be from the CDC or WHO.