

Scams Targeting Citizens



COMMON SCAMS

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM



Someone reports your computer has a virus. You either have to allow them to access your computer remotely or you have to download a free program to fix it.

DISTRACTION SCAM



One scammer distracts the victim while the other scammer steals the victim's belongings.

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM



You've won a contest! All you have to do is claim your prize by paying some fees or taxes in advance.

ARREST SCAM



Someone claiming to be a police, lawyer or IRS agent is arresting you for overdue taxes. You can avoid it by sending money.

GRANDPARENT SCAM



Someone claiming to be your grandchild was injured, robbed or arrested and needs money now.

HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAM



Someone wants to work on your home, but needs to be paid before the job starts. Once you pay, the job is never done.

FUNERAL SCAM



Someone sells a fake burial plot and puts their name on the check rather than the business's name.

INSURANCE SCAM



Someone poses as an insurance representative to capture personal information. They bill the insurance and pocket the money.



5 TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

1. Know the person you are dealing with
2. Don't answer the phone to someone you don't know
3. Be cautious when giving out personal info
4. Read your bank statements
5. Don't allow strangers in your home

REMEMBER, ALWAYS REPORT FRAUD!



Call your Bank or Credit Card Company immediately if you suspect fraud



Call the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint at
1-877-382-4357



Contact your local Police Department for assistance



File an IRS Scam Report at
<https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/>

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