

# LEARN THE SIGNS RECOGNIZE AND REPORT SCAMS

## FIVE SIGNS IT IS A SCAM

#1



### Unsolicited Contact

All of a sudden, you get a random text, call or email. They are offering you a job opportunity, say you have won a prize, or claim you owe money for a debt you cannot recall. This, "out of the blue," contact can turn threatening or may sound too good to be true, report it!

#2



### It's An Emergency

Do not let the threat of losing a prize, deal, or the possibility of a loved one in trouble push you into making hasty decisions. If you are being pressured into acting right away, be careful! It could be a scammer trying to get you to send money before you can stop to think.

#3



### Unconventional Payments

Is a business or individual asking you to wire money, buy pre-paid debit cards or gift cards? These are the most common ways scammers ask for money. It is equivalent to handing out cash and practically impossible to get it back. Do not do it!

#4



### Keep It Personal

Is someone asking for your personal information? Are they claiming to be from your bank, the government, or a healthcare provider? Be suspicious! Ask who they are, hang up, and contact the legitimate business or agency directly and ask if they need your information. Do not give personal information to unsolicited callers!

#5



### "Don't Tell Anyone"

Scammers often tell you to keep information to yourself. They say that sharing details will cause others to envy you or they will simply not understand. They know that questions will arise if you talk to your family or friends. Talk to someone you trust to help you see through the scam. Do not keep it a secret.

**HAVE A QUESTION OR DOUBT?**



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