



HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COVID-19 SCAMS

Staying safe during the COVID-19 pandemic is more than staying physically healthy; it's also making sure we stay safe financially.

Unfortunately, criminal elements are taking advantage of this time to prey on unsuspecting victims. Here's what you can do to stay safe and protect your finances:

Ignore fake tests or cures.

Unproven or fake coronavirus "cures" and "test kits" are being marketed and sold directly to customers by scammers. Avoid anything that isn't provided by your health care provider.

Don't open emails, click links, or download attachments from anyone you don't know.

Cyber criminals are posing as affiliates of the CDC or WHO, as doctor's offices, or as other health organizations in an effort to get your private information. If you are expecting information from your doctor, get that information directly—not by email.

Ignore unfamiliar charities.

Many are scams, trying to collect money through your goodwill. Instead, if you want to donate to causes to help coronavirus victims, select a charity you already know and trust. Or talk to a local organization—a food bank, emergency shelter or animal shelter—that is involved in support operations.

For accurate information, only visit trusted websites like coronavirus.gov.

You can also visit local and state government sites, which will have the most current and accurate information.

Never give out personal information over the phone.

This includes banking information, social security number, credit card number or other personal data.

**Would you like more information?
Here are some trusted resources:**

<https://www.justice.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/phishing.html>

<https://www.cisa.gov/coronavirus>

<https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus-rumor-control>

<https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/>

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