AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Fraudsters are taking advantage of fears surrounding the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), and targeting the elderly and vulnerable. This guide can help you protect yourself.

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<th>Robocalls</th>
<th>Don’t answer calls from unknown numbers. If you do pick up the phone, don’t give out personal information, and don’t speak. Hang up as soon as you hear a recorded voice.</th>
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<td>Fake Cures</td>
<td>Don’t buy or promote anything with claims to treat or prevent coronavirus. According to the CDC &amp; FDA there are no approved vaccines, drugs, or products currently available to treat or prevent the virus.</td>
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<td>Fake Charities</td>
<td>Real charities do not require instant donations. If a charity asks for donations in cash, gift card, or wire transfer, don’t send money.</td>
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<td>Home Test Kits</td>
<td>Ignore offers for home test kits; if you think you have symptoms caused by the virus, contact your medical provider.</td>
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<td>Impersonation Scams</td>
<td>If you receive a call from a person claiming to be a government official who tells you that to receive stimulus money, you should clink on a link to a website, ignore it. Stimulus funds will be sent automatically with no action required from most people.</td>
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<td>Stay in the Know</td>
<td>Contact trusted sources to confirm information is correct. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <a href="http://www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.</td>
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Report Coronavirus Fraud

If you believe you were a victim of a scam, call local law enforcement and file a complaint online or by phone:

National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF):
Phone: 1-866-720-5721
Email: disaster@leo.gov

Report Price Gouging

If you feel like you have been a victim of price gouging, here are some steps you can take to help the Attorney General’s office investigate:

- Note the time, place, address, and name of the gas station or business;
- Note the price you paid;
- Note any prices nearby and get the same information on those stations or businesses;
- Take pictures that identify the business, along with the price; and
- Provide your name and contact information

Email the information to pricegouging@scag.gov or call 803-737-3953. You can also report any incidents online at www.scag.gov.

Additional Information

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www.scdhec.gov
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www.aging.sc.gov