

Stay Safe

How to Identify and Avoid Common Scams



What Is a Scam?

A scam is when someone tries to trick you to steal your money, information, or take advantage of your trust.

Types of Common Scams



Housing Scams



Employment and Education Scams



Legal and Immigration Scams



Online Shopping or In-person Scams



Internet, Phone or Social Media Scams

4 Signs of a Scam



They pretend to be a company or organization



They claim there is a problem or a prize



They pressure you to act fast



They offer a lot of money or request an unrealistic cost

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Scammers May Take Advantage of a Person That:



Doesn't speak English well



Doesn't understand how things work in the U.S.



Doesn't know or have information on how to report a scam



Is afraid to report the scam or talk with authorities



Is going through hard times, like a crisis or an emergency

How to Avoid Legal Scams

It is very important to protect yourself against fraud committed by unqualified individuals posing as attorneys or legal representatives.

[Click here to learn more.](#)



What to Do if You Are a Victim of a Scam



Save all of the information



Review your accounts



Change your passwords



Block the scammer



Act fast if you paid for something



Update the security software on your computer, phone, or email



Protect your personal information



Report the scam

REPORT SCAMS
to the
Federal Trade
Commission (FTC)!



[ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/idthelp/section-4/101-102-report-fraud)



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