

AVOIDING SCAMS! DO NOT BE A VICTIM!

Scams are run by skilled professionals and can be very hard to spot.

SIGNS OF A SCAM:



You are asked to send money, pay money, or pay with a gift card.



You are asked to pay for a product or service that you don't remember buying.



You are promised that you can easily earn money, make money, or obtain financial loans.



You receive an unsolicited visit from someone selling a product or service.



You are asked to deposit a check and wire money somewhere.



You are asked to sign something you haven't read, and you won't receive a copy.



You are pressured to act immediately.



You or a loved one is threatened with jail or deportation if you don't pay.



You are asked to provide sensitive information over the phone, on text message, or by email.

Common Scams:

- Get rich quick business opportunities (diet products, etc.)
- Notario/Immigration Attorney
- Sweepstakes, Lotteries or Prizes
- Romance
- Government Agencies
- Door-to-door Sales
- Medicare or Health Insurance
- Telephone Sales or Debt Collections
- Wedding or Quinceañera Vendors
- Automechanic and Car Dealerships
- Charity
- Tax Preparation
- Social Security

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU ARE BEING TARGETED BY A SCAM:

- ☐ Avoid giving any personal or sensitive information, and terminate all communication immediately.
- ☐ Ask your friends and family about the business in question, and look for customer reviews online.
- ☐ Notify a trusted family member, friend, or volunteer attorney before doing anything else.
- ☐ Remember that the government will never request sensitive information over the phone or by email. They will only communicate by sending written letters to your home address.
- ☐ File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/report-fraud)