

Scammers thrive in uncertain times. Be careful of coronavirus scams.

First Judicial District Attorney's Crime Prevention Program



Scammers will set up fake websites to sell unproven treatments or offer disinfecting products at elevated prices.

Calling, texting, or sending emails to entice you to buy a bogus testing kit or to offer vaccinations.

Calling, texting, or sending emails asking for personal & financial information so that government relief money or checks can be provided to you.

Scammers will send fake information, claiming to be the Center for Disease Control or some other government agency, with the newest up-to-the-minute information. Many times this information will require a payment by credit card or buying a gift card to get a report or the latest break-thru' information.

Scammers may advertise an investment opportunity from a company that has made a break-thru' in curing coronavirus or protection from acquiring COVID-19, saying that investing NOW will result in skyrocket returns.

During disasters and difficult times, the American people desire to help those in most dire circumstances; crooks will call and set-up websites collecting donations.



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**Have questions:
Call the Fraud Hotline:
303-271-6980**

Be wise!

- According to the Federal Trade Commission there are no vaccines, pills, potions or other products to treat or cure coronavirus

Be smart!

- The Food and Drug Administration advises that testing for the coronavirus is only conducted in verified state and local labs.
Ignore online offers for virus test kits.

Slow down and think things through!

- Scammers are gearing up to take advantage of any relief opportunities the Federal government may offer.
- Should the government offer relief to citizens, no money will be required upfront to receive this assistance; only scammers will ask for a payment upfront.
- Should the government offer financial relief to citizens, no financial information, bank account numbers or Social Security numbers will be required to receive assistance.
- Only scammers will ask you to pay to receive government assistance

Get credible information from reliable sources!

- Go to the Website for the Center for Disease Control: www.cdc.gov
- Go to the Website for the Federal Trade Commission: www.ftc.gov or www.ftc.gov/coronavirus
- Go to the Website for the Securities & Exchange Commission for investment scam information: www.sec.gov

Take some time and check it out!

- Never give to solicitations that come via E-mail or a phone call; the person on the other end of the line may be a scammer.
- Check out charities at: www.give.org or www.charitynavigator.org