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# AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to steal money and personal information. <u>Don't let them</u>.

### **Protect Yourself**

#### Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

#### Verify information.

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 <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

#### Know who you're buying from.

Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't.

#### Don't click on links from sources you don't know.

They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

#### Do your homework.

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

### **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): 1-866-720-5721or fill out a complaint form online at:

Justice.gov/DisasterComplaintForm

www.IC3.gov (cyber)

## **Additional Information**

www.cdc.gov

www.coronavirus.gov

www.FDA.gov

www.ftc.gov/coronavirus

www.justice.gov/usao/gan



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