S.T.O.P. COVID-19 FRAUD
STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM
Recognize • Protect • Report | COVID-19 Crime
FOR SECURE ONLINE SHOPPING

➤ DO NOT CLICK ON UNSOLICITED EMAILS OR TEXTS.
➤ ENSURE A SECURE BROWSER CONNECTION: HTTPS ONLY.
➤ VERIFY WEBSITE TRUST SEALS BEFORE PLACING AN ORDER.
➤ OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES END IN .GOV
➤ INSPECT THE URL OF THE WEBSITE AND VERIFY THE DESTINATION.

ONLINE SHOPPING TIPS

➤ IF A DEAL SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.
➤ BE AWARE OF PRICE GOUGING.
➤ VERIFY PURCHASES ARE FROM LEGITIMATE, TRUSTED SOURCES.
➤ REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV.
REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERLY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND WARN THEM ABOUT THESE SCAMS.

FINANCIAL RED FLAGS RELATED TO COVID-19

- Beware of e-mails, text messages or calls offering goods, services, loans, or debt relief.
- Beware of requests for unusual payment methods, such as cryptocurrency, prepaid debit cards, gift cards, money service businesses (MSB) transfers, or wire transfers.
- Government agencies do not call, text or e-mail: check your mail, do not follow links on social media, and use government websites directly.
- Government agencies will not call or e-mail about economic impact payments and will not refer to it as “stimulus” – do not open such e-mails or click on attachments.

FINANCIAL TIP

$ Reach out to your elderly friends and family members and warn them about these scams.
ENSURE YOUR ONLINE PHARMACY IS CERTIFIED BY CHECKING: WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG.

PROHIBITED PHARMACEUTICALS AND MEDICAL DEVICES RED FLAGS

- Beware of websites or individuals selling products claiming to prevent, treat, diagnose or cure COVID-19.
- Beware of individuals requesting personal or banking information in exchange for COVID-19 products.
- Beware of pharmaceutical product information written in a foreign language or with misspellings.
- Do not buy prescription pharmaceuticals from third party marketplaces or social media platforms.

PROHIBITED ITEMS TIP

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