

# 2020 CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Criminals are opportunistic and are using the COVID-19 pandemic to prey upon a vulnerable population.

Don't let your fear and uncertainty during this difficult time distract you into making a mistake that criminals are banking on.



# COMMON SCAMS

## GOVERNMENT IMPERSONATORS

Criminals are reaching out to people through social media, emails, or phone calls pretending to be government officials, some claiming to have "secret information" on the Coronavirus.

If someone contacts you directly claiming to be a government official reaching out regarding the COVID-19 crisis, it is likely a scam.

## FRAUDULENT CURES & TESTS

Avoid seeking medical treatment or COVID-19 testing from anyone other than your doctor, pharmacist, or local health department.

In some instances, criminals are offering untested "cures" that can be extremely dangerous to your health. They're also setting up phony testing sites to steal insurance information.

## COUNTERFEIT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

Beware of counterfeit medical products like sanitizer, masks, goggles, gloves, gowns, etc.

Criminals could promise you access to these products that are in limited supply, only to steal your information and deliver you nothing.

## FAKE WEBSITES

Look out for websites and apps that claim to track COVID-19 cases. Some of these maps are created by criminals to infect and lock your device until you pay them.

Remember to get your information relating to the Coronavirus from legitimate sources.