

Can You Spot the Signs of a Scam?

RED FLAGS

FEAR: If someone threatens to arrest you, sue you, or subject you to any other consequences if you don't pay them, it's likely a scam.

URGENCY: Scammers want you to act quickly and make payments without taking the time to think the situation through.

UNUSUAL PAYMENT

METHODS: If you are asked to send a payment via a wire transfer, prepaid card, or cryptocurrency, do not do it. These methods are nearly untraceable.

SECRETS: If you are asked to keep a transaction a secret, it's likely because the scammer doesn't want you to share the situation with someone who might detect it as a scam.



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Safeguard Yourself from Fraud and Scams

- If you receive an unexpected text, email, or message that contains an attachment or link, delete it.
- Always use caution when making transactions to individuals you haven't met in person.
- Never share personal information – including financial accounts – with anyone.
- Securely store or shred documents that contain personal information, such as your birthdate, passwords, or Social Security number.

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