



What are some classic warning signs of possible fraud and scams?

There are several signs that indicate you might be dealing with a scammer. Here is some information provided by the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau - they include contact from someone:

- Calling or emailing you, claiming to be from the government and asking you to pay money.
- Asking you to pay money or taxes upfront to receive a prize or a gift.
- Asking you to wire them money, send money by courier, or put money on a prepaid card or gift card and send it to them.
- Asking for access to your money-such as your ATM cards, bank accounts, credit cards, or investment accounts.
- Pressuring you to "act now" or else the deal will go away. Or someone who seems to be trying hard to give you a "great deal" without time to answer your questions.

To report a scam, you can [submit a complaint](#) with the Federal Trade Commission. You can also contact your local police or sheriff's office or your state attorney general's office to report the scam. Visit the [National Association of Attorneys General](#) for the contact information of each state attorney general.

To learn more please go the following websites:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/fraud/>