

**SCAM
ALERT**

**Fremont Police
Department Presents
A SCAM Awareness Slide
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SCAM- a dishonest scheme; a fraud

SCAM- May also be referred to as a **confidence trick** (synonyms include **confidence scheme**, **scam** and **stratagem**). A confidence trick is an attempt to defraud a person or group after first gaining their confidence, in the classical sense of trust. A **confidence artist** (or **con artist**) is an individual, operating alone or in concert with others, who exploits characteristics of the human psyche such as dishonesty, honesty, vanity, compassion, credulity, irresponsibility, naiveté , or greed.



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Types of SCAMS: *Newly discovered Scams

- Computer Virus Scams
- Banking and Phishing Scams
- Dating Scams
- Investment Scams
- Lottery and Competition Scams
- Flatmate Scams
- Charity Scams
- Small Business Scams
- Social Media Scams
- AARP Scams *
- Pizza Scams *
- Online Trading Scams
- Computer Hacking
- Employment Scams
- Upfront Payment Scams
- Mobile Phone Scams
- Holiday and Travel Scams
- Health and Medical Scams
- Door-to-door Scams
- IRS Scams *
- Microsoft Scams *
- Stand Guard Against *
Veterans Scams





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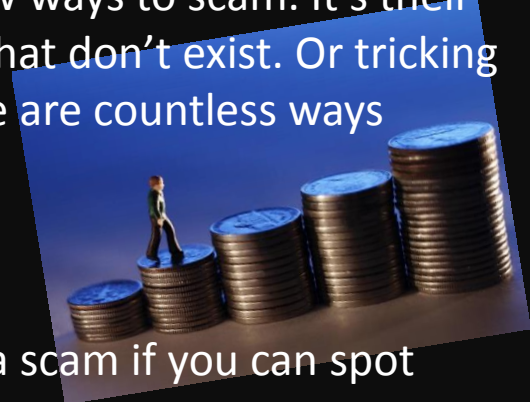
Protect your investments....

Constantly changing

Scammers are constantly coming up with new ways to scam. It's their day job. It could be taking money for goods that don't exist. Or tricking you into giving them access to your PC. There are countless ways scammers may try to draw you in.

Tell tale signs

The good news is you're less likely to fall for a scam if you can spot some of the usual signs. Most scams follow basic patterns.



Do your homework

You have less chance of being scammed if you do some research before handing over your cash. Do an online search of the company or person's name with the word 'scam' after it. It may bring up stories of other people who have experienced the same scam.



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STAY EDUCATED, PAY ATTENTION AND BE ALERT....

In recent weeks the Fremont PD has learned that people /groups are calling around and representing themselves as an IRS Agent in an attempt to defraud. The caller /imposter advises the victim that there might be a discrepancy with tax filing, and the only way to satisfy it is by sending money while the impersonator remains on the phone.

PLEASE DON'T ALLOW YOURSELF TO FALL FOR THIS SCAM.... According to the US Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, this is the largest scam the department has ever seen.

Remember these people are extremely clever and are always finding new ways to defraud someone. Please read the information on the following slide for information on protecting yourself.

For further information about SCAM Alerts, RED Flags, and Other Tips please refer to the NH Consumer Education site @

<http://www.nh.gov/consumer/index.htm>

Additional information may also be obtained by accessing the below listed sites;

US Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration site @
http://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml

Federal Trade Commission

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

AARP Fraud Watch Network

<http://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-watch-network/>



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As always..... Call your local police department if you suspect someone is trying to scam you out of money.

Please visit our website @

http://fremont.nh.gov/Pages/FremontNH_Police/Index

Or on our Facebook @

<https://www.facebook.com/FremontNHPoliceDepartment>





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