



COVID-19 UNEMPLOYMENT AND JOB OFFER SCAMS

CYBER-CRIMINALS ARE EAGER TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CONSUMERS WHO ARE FACING LOSSES IN INCOME, REDUCTIONS IN SAVINGS, SEEKING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND LOOKING FOR NEW EMPLOYMENT

FALSE GOVERNMENT & FINANCIAL ENTITIES

NEARLY 40 MILLION AMERICANS HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT OF WORK DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

CRIMINALS ARE REACHING OUT PRETENDING TO BE GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, BANKING OFFICIALS, MORTGAGE AND AUTO LENDERS OFFERING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

FAKE GOVERNMENT MESSAGES ARE TELLING PEOPLE THEY ARE APPROVED FOR MONEY, RELIEF CHECKS, CASH GRANTS, AND SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA) ASSISTANCE.

ID THIEVES ARE USING PERSONAL INFORMATION FROM PREVIOUS DATA BREACHES TO CREATE FAKE ACCOUNTS ON STATE UNEMPLOYMENT SITES. ONCE ACCOUNT IS CREATED, BENEFITS ARE DIRECT DEPOSITED ELSEWHERE.

BEWARE MORTGAGE ELIMINATION, FORECLOSURE, STUDENT LOAN, AUTO, AND DEBT RELIEF SOLICITATIONS.

NEVER RESPOND TO PRE-RECORDED PHONE MESSAGES. BE CAREFUL OF EMAILS OR TEXTS THAT PROMISE YOU ANYTHING. THESE ARE SCAMS.

JOB & WORK-AT-HOME SCAMS

DO NOT PAY TO GET A JOB. YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY A FEE FOR CERTIFICATION, TRAINING, SUPPLIES OR EQUIPMENT AS A CONDITION FOR PRE-EMPLOYMENT.

IGNORE OR DELETE JOB OFFERS THAT REACH YOU BY TEXT OR EMAIL, ESPECIALLY IF UNKNOWN AND UNSOLICITED. COMMON SCAM OFFERS ARE MYSTERY SHOPPER, HOME ASSEMBLY, ENVELOPE STUFFING, MONEY TRANSFER AGENT, PAYMENT PROCESSING, OFFERS WHERE YOU ARE ASKED TO MAKE DEPOSITS INTO YOUR PERSONAL ACCOUNT.

USE CAUTION WITH JOB PLACEMENT SERVICES. MAKE SURE THEY ARE LEGITIMATE. RESEARCH THE COMPANY, MAKE SURE THEY ARE HIRING. KNOWLEDGE IS THE BEST DEFENSE. GET DETAILS IN WRITING. EMPLOYERS, BE AWARE OF FAKE RESUMES AND APPLICANTS.

REMEMBER

NEVER PROVIDE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER, DATE OF BIRTH OR ANY BANKING INFORMATION WITHOUT VERIFYING WHO YOU ARE COMMUNICATING WITH.

BEWARE OF COMPANIES THAT WANT TO HIRE YOU IMMEDIATELY.

NEVER DEPOSIT SUSPICIOUS OR UNEXPECTED CHECKS INTO YOUR ACCOUNT. EVEN IF FRAUD, YOU ARE LIKELY RESPONSIBLE FOR REPAYING BANK.

DO NOT PAY TO GET A JOB.

NEVER WIRE FUNDS OR WRITE CHECKS TO STRANGERS.

GO STRAIGHT TO SOURCE FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITIES:

IRS.GOV, FTC.GOV, SBA.GOV, COLORADO.GOV.

LOG ON AND CREATE PROFILE ON COLORADO UNEMPLOYMENT SITE IMMEDIATELY IF LAID OFF TO PREVENT SCAMMERS FROM DOING SO.

FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS IS FREE.

"IF AN OFFER SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!"