

Cleburne Police Department



Scam/Fraud Prevention Tips

Information provided by the Cleburne Police Department with references from the Texas Attorney General

TYPES OF SCAMS



1. FOREIGN LOTTERIES
2. HOME REPAIR SCAMS
3. PIGEON DROP
4. IDENTITY THEFT
5. INVESTMENT SCAMS
6. HEALTH CARE SCAMS

7. SWEEPSTAKES SCAMS



WARNING SIGNS OF A SCAM

YOU HAVE TO PAY TO GET THE MONEY

YOU WON A CONTEST THAT YOU DID NOT ENTER

PROMISES OF A LARGE SUM OF MONEY OR SOME OTHER EXPENSIVE “PRIZE”

SOMEONE CONTACTED YOU

**THEY WANT PERSONAL
INFORMATION FROM YOU**

**THEY WANT YOU TO WIRE
MONEY TO THEM OR SOMEONE
ELSE**



FRAUD/SCAM PREVENTION

**NEVER GIVE PERSONAL
INFORMATION OVER THE PHONE**

TO SOMEONE WHO CONTACTED YOU. IF SOMEONE CALLS AND CLAIMS TO BE YOUR BANK OR SOME OTHER COMPANY YOU DO BUSINESS WITH, STOP, HANG UP THE PHONE, AND CALL THE COMPANY BACK USING A NUMBER THAT YOU LOOK UP IN YOUR RECORDS OR THE PHONE BOOK.

IF SOMEONE COMES TO YOUR HOME UNINVITED TO MAKE AN OFFER FOR MEDICAL EQUIPMENT OR OTHER “GIFT”, CALL THE POLICE.

SHRED BANK RECORDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS CONTAINING PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION BEFORE YOU PUT IT IN THE TRASH

LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PERSONAL INFORMATION ON YOUR CHECKS

**KEEP AND MONITOR YOU
FINANCIAL RECORDS**

**LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CREDIT
CARDS AND PERSONAL
INFORMATION THAT YOU CARRY
IN YOUR PURSE OR WALLET**

**MAKE COPIES OF THE FRONT AND
BACK OF YOUR CREDIT CARDS**

**DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE INTO
YOUR HOME THAT YOU DO NOT
KNOW OR DID NOT INVITE**

