

CAUTION! BE AWARE OF SCAMS



SIGNS YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED

Stay aware and avoid becoming a victim

Scammers will often offer you things that seem too good to be true. Other times they will use threats to get you to do what they want very quickly. They pretend to be from government agencies, credit card companies, or banks. They ask for passwords or personal information.



WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Be smart and keep yourself safe..

NEVER give out personal information to someone over the phone or through text or email. If you have questions, ask questions and make them give you more information. If something seems suspicious hang up or refuse to answer. Keep calm and don't panic.

REPORT SCAM



WARNING!

International students are common targets for scams.

People will try to scam you through email, online, and on the phone. Every year, we hear stories of students who have received scam calls and messages. Pay attention to the signs and avoid becoming a victim.



TIPS FOR AVOIDING SCAMS

Remember these and stay safe

- Government agencies and banks will not call you or email you with threats or requests for information.
- Look for small clues that don't make sense, like incorrect English skills or asking for information they should already have.
- Don't allow yourself to be pressured by time limits.



TELL SOMEONE

You should always report attempts to scam you.

Report to CGE, Campus Security, or IT. The people in these offices can help you figure out if something is real or fake. They can also warn others and protect other students on campus.

You can also register your phone number to help prevent scam calls. However, you should be aware that some calls may get through anyway. <https://www.donotcall.gov/>

Are You Being Scammed?

Examples

Someone contacts you and asks you to buy gift cards for them. They may claim that they will send you money to pay for them or reward you in some way. Don't fall for it. This is a scam.

Someone calls you claiming to be from the IRS, Social Security Administration, or DHS and tells you that you are in trouble. Remember that these agencies will not call you. Hang Up.

You receive a call from someone who claims to represent Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover Card. These are different companies. They will never call together.

You are messaged by a friend who tells you about a new way to make easy money. Make sure it is really your friend by sending them an email or calling them. If it is them ask questions and make sure that they aren't being scammed either.

You are contacted by your bank telling you that there is a problem with your account. They ask for your social security number or your password. Do not give it to them. Contact your bank another way to confirm whether the information is accurate.

Someone tells you that your identity or social security number has been stolen and you are about to be arrested. Hang up; if you are going to be arrested, they won't warn you first.

Never tell anyone you don't know your social security number, passport number, passwords, or other personal information