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S.T.O.P. COVID-19 FRAUD STRATEGIC TARGETED OUTREACH PROGRAM

Recognize • Protect • Report | COVID-19 Crime

ONLINE SHOPPING RED FLAGS FOR MARKETPLACE AND WEBSITES

- X** DO NOT CLICK ON UNSOLICITED EMAILS OR TEXTS.
- X** ENSURE A SECURE BROWSER CONNECTION: HTTPS ONLY.
- X** VERIFY WEBSITE TRUST SEALS BEFORE PLACING AN ORDER.
- X** OFFICIAL U.S. GOVERNMENT WEBSITES END IN .GOV
- X** INSPECT THE URL OF THE WEBSITE AND VERIFY THE DESTINATION.

FINANCIAL RED FLAGS RELATED TO COVID-19

- X** BEWARE OF E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES OR CALLS OFFERING GOODS, SERVICES, LOANS, OR DEBT RELIEF.
- X** BEWARE OF REQUESTS FOR UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS, SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY, PREPAID DEBIT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES (MSB) TRANSFERS, OR WIRE TRANSFERS.
- X** GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL: CHECK YOUR MAIL, DO NOT FOLLOW LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND UTILIZE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DIRECTLY.
- X** GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WILL NOT CALL OR E-MAIL ABOUT ECONOMIC IMPACT PAYMENTS AND WILL NOT REFER TO IT AS "STIMULUS" - DO NOT OPEN SUCH E-MAILS OR CLICK ON ATTACHMENTS.

PROHIBITED PHARMACEUTICALS AND MEDICAL DEVICES RED FLAGS

- X** BEWARE OF WEBSITES OR INDIVIDUALS SELLING PRODUCTS ALLEGING THEY CAN PREVENT, TREAT, DIAGNOSE OR CURE COVID-19.
- X** CURRENTLY, NO COVID-19 TEST KITS ARE AUTHORIZED FOR PRIVATE SALE TO INDIVIDUALS. AUTHORIZED COVID-19 TEST KITS ARE ONLY BEING DISTRIBUTED TO MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.
- X** BEWARE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR WITH MISSPELLINGS.
- X** DON'T BUY PRESCRIPTION PHARMACEUTICALS FROM THIRD PARTY MARKETPLACES OR SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS.

DID YOU KNOW?



Thousands of COVID-19 related web domains have been identified as fraudulent.



Government agencies will not contact anyone to verify a payment was made or to expedite payments.



Consumers interested in finding out if a COVID-19 related product or website is "real or fake," can #AskGTI on Twitter @IPRCenter

ONLINE SHOPPING TIPS

- 🚫** IF A DEAL SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS.
- 🚫** BE AWARE OF PRICE GOUGING.
- 🚫** VERIFY PURCHASES ARE FROM LEGITIMATE, TRUSTED SOURCES.
- 🚫** REPORT COVID-19 FRAUD TO COVID19FRAUD@DHS.GOV.

FINANCIAL TIP

\$ REACH OUT TO YOUR ELDERLY FRIENDS AND FAMILY MEMBERS AND WARN THEM ABOUT THESE SCAMS.

PROHIBITED ITEMS TIP

🌐 ENSURE YOUR ONLINE PHARMACY IS CERTIFIED BY CHECKING: WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT
WWW.ICE.GOV

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