

Holiday Scams

The holiday season is upon us! With it comes time with loved ones and plenty of shopping! While doing your holiday shopping this year, be on the lookout for these scams:

“Free” gift cards and HUGE sales

Be wary of anything listed as “free” or any offers that’s sounds “too good to be true”. Only used reputable sellers.

Fake websites and messages

Double check all websites you shop on and ensure they are legitimate. Don’t trust messages and emails claiming to have updates about a package you didn’t purchase.

Delete the messages. Don’t click on any links.

Scam calls claiming to be loved ones

Artificial intelligence is being used by scammers to copy the voices of our loved ones to get access to our money or personal information. HANG UP! Confirm with your loved ones before sharing.

Fake Shipping Notifications

Watch out for messages claiming to be USPS, Amazon, FedEx, or other shipping companies about packages that are undelivered or need additional verification. This email can have attachments or links to sites that will download viruses on your device to steal your identity and your passwords. Do not be fooled by this holiday phishing scam.

Social Media Gift Exchange

Purchasing one gift and receiving 36 sounds like a great deal, but this seasonal scam is a pyramid scheme, which is illegal. Keep it safe and only buy gifts for people you know (not ones you have only met online.)

Stay safe this holiday season! Report scams to the Better Business Bureau at www.bbb.org

