



Protect Yourself From **SCAMS**

Fraud is becoming more prevalent as cyber criminals become more tech savvy.



Warning Signs

Out of the Blue

An unfamiliar person contacts you with an intriguing request or offer.

Dangling Bait

They dangle bait, such as money, a job or an investment opportunity.

Information Insistence

Unrelenting pressure on you to share personal and financial details.

Costly Demands

“Upfront costs” for “expenses” or shipping is required.

Urgency

You need to act quickly and wire money or send gift card serial numbers.



In 2020-2021,
the real estate industry
recorded losses totaling
\$893 million
related to wire fraud.¹

Protect Yourself!

- ✓ Use professionals you trust. Use verified phone numbers only.
- ✓ Don't share personal and financial information through text or email.
- ✓ Be cautious of clicking on links in messages.
- ✓ Review wiring instructions with a trusted professional before transferring funds.
- ✓ Stay alert and closely monitor the transfer process on the day of the transaction.

Trust Your Instincts

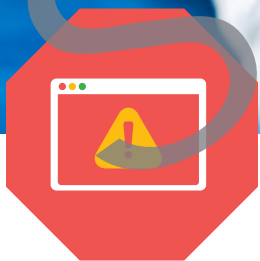
If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!



Watch Out for These **SCAMS**



Consumers reported losing almost **\$8.8 billion** to scams and fraud in 2022.²



Technical Support

A pop-up alert on your device prompts you to call a number for malware removal.



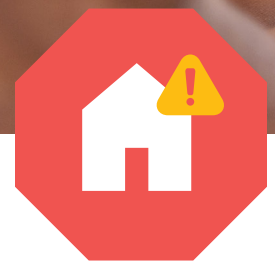
Emergency Scams

Impersonators call pretending to be a loved one in distress and request wired money.



IRS Debt

Scammers call claiming you owe money to the IRS, threatening arrest if payment isn't made promptly.



Home Repair

Unsolicited contractors offering free appliance checks or driveway paving, claiming they have leftover supplies from a nearby job.