



## Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs

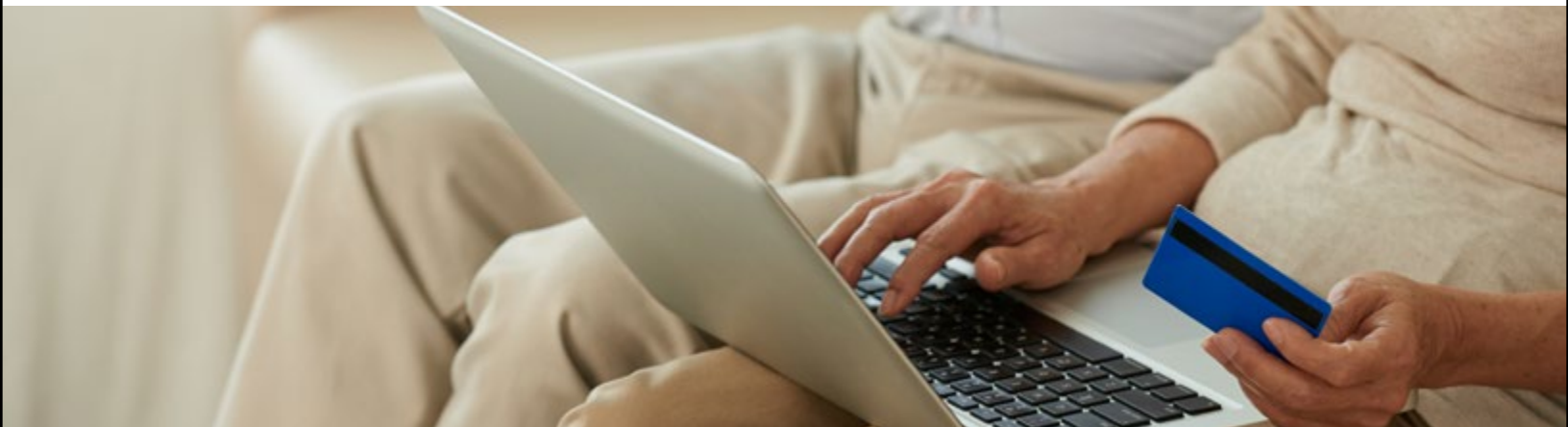
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# SCAM SQUAD

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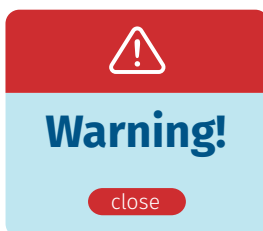
# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CORONAVIRUS SCAMS



### 3 PAYMENT METHODS TO AVOID

Only imposter scammers will demand that you pay debts, fines or fees with:

- Money wires
- E-currencies such as Bitcoin
- Retail or e-tail gift cards



Government agencies, tech companies and utilities do not accept these payments.

### WATCH OUT FOR THESE SCAMS

Scammers usually want money or your personal information. Watch for scams disguised as:

- Offers to help you get stimulus payments or grants
- Threats to arrest you or seize your accounts
- Offers to help you get Coronavirus tests, cures or vaccines
- Calls or emails from sheriff, IRS or any government agency

Never pay or reveal private info (your Social Security or account numbers) to someone who contacts you!

## 4 SIGNS A JOB OFFER IS A SCAM

A job is a scam if your new employer tells you to:

- Deposit a check and then send funds -- in any form -- to someone else.
- Create a bank or e-currency account for the company.
- Accept or make payments by money wire, retail gift cards or e-currency.
- Accept and reship mail or packages.



**Consumer Affairs And Its Scam Squad Partners Fight Fraud.**

**We're Here To Help You!**

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### Connect with us!

Learn more

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Ask a question

216-443-7035 (main)

Report a scam or talk to an investigator

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### Helpful Cuyahoga County Resources:

**Cuyahoga Job and Family Services**

844-640-OHIO (6446) or

[www.benefits.ohio.gov](http://www.benefits.ohio.gov)

**Division of Senior and Adult Services**

216-420-6700

**County Board of Health**

**(contact tracing, report health violations)**

216-201-2000 or [www.ccbh.net](http://www.ccbh.net)

**MetroHealth 24/7 COVID-19 hotline**

440-59-COVID/440-592-6843

**United Way First Call for Help**

Dial 211 to connect with trusted free services



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