

# COVID-19

## COMMON CORONAVIRUS SCAMS



### UNEMPLOYMENT & JOB OFFER SCAMS

#### *What*

Unemployment, uncertainty, scarcity, debt create fear. Scammers like your fear. Fake SBA, employment services, recruiters, work from home, government relief emails, calls, texts appear. Being asked to pay to work.

#### *Empower Yourself*

Pause. Research. Use logic. Do not pay a fee to obtain a job. Do not supply SSN, credit card or other private info. Get details in writing. Avoid fake job ads. If seeking debt relief, be the person exploring the options and making the calls.



### INVESTMENT SCAMS INVESTOR ALERTS

#### *What*

Scammers follow latest news, push out promotions in the form of research reports. Solicitation of companies and products that cure Covid-19. Microcap stocks and "pump-and-dump" schemes.

#### *Empower Yourself*

Is investment being offered have a guaranteed high return or no risk? Sense of urgency or limited detailed info? Is investment registered and is agent licensed? Stay educated. Ask questions. Use logic over emotions. Report.



### CORONAVIRUS ROBOCALLS & TEXTS

#### *What*

Prerecorded messages and solicitations. False US government agencies and financial services. Pushing free home testing kits, debt relief, home cleaning, expedited stimulus checks. Donations.

#### *Empower Yourself*

Do not answer. Hang up. Do not follow prompts. Block. Delete texts. Do not share. US government agencies do not call, text or email. Bank texts on transactions are 6-digits not a phone #. Ignore texts saying you are exposed.

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