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

Recognize - Protect - Report | COVID-19 Crime

### FOR **SECURE** ONLINE SHOPPING

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

### FINANCIAL **RED FLAGS** RELATED TO COVID-19

- ✗ BEWARE OF E-MAILS, TEXT MESSAGES OR CALLS OFFERING GOODS, SERVICES, LOANS, OR DEBT RELIEF.
- ✗ BEWARE OF REQUESTS FOR UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS, SUCH AS CRYPTOCURRENCY, PREPAID DEBIT CARDS, GIFT CARDS, MONEY SERVICE BUSINESSES (MSB) TRANSFERS, OR WIRE TRANSFERS.
- ✗ GOVERNMENT AGENCIES DO NOT CALL, TEXT OR E-MAIL: CHECK YOUR MAIL, DO NOT FOLLOW LINKS ON SOCIAL MEDIA, AND USE GOVERNMENT WEBSITES DIRECTLY.
- ✗ 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**

- ✗ BEWARE OF WEBSITES OR INDIVIDUALS SELLING PRODUCTS CLAIMING TO PREVENT, TREAT, DIAGNOSE OR CURE COVID-19.
- ✗ BEWARE OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING PERSONAL OR BANKING INFORMATION IN EXCHANGE FOR COVID-19 PRODUCTS.
- ✗ BEWARE OF PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCT INFORMATION WRITTEN IN A FOREIGN LANGUAGE OR WITH MISSPELLINGS.
- ✗ DO NOT 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 or expedite payments.



Bad actors often advertise using photos stolen from legitimate websites to deceive consumers.

### 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](mailto: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](http://WWW.SAFEMEDSONLINE.ORG).

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.ICE.GOV](http://WWW.ICE.GOV)

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