

Cyber Corner

CORONAVIRUS: SCAMMERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF PANDEMIC

Scammers are already taking advantage of the fears surrounding the Coronavirus. They are setting up websites to sell bogus products and using fake emails, texts and social media posts as a means to take money and personal information from a worried, unsuspecting public. These emails and posts may promote awareness and prevention tips as well as fake information about cases in your neighborhood. They may also ask you to donate to victims, offering advice on unproven treatments, or contain malicious email attachments.

Tips to help you keep the scammers at bay include:

- Don't click on links from sources you don't know.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus.
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations.
- Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. If someone wants donations in cash, gift cards or by wiring money DON'T DO IT!

If you come across any suspicious claim, offer or request, contact the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at: www.ftc.gov.

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