



STOP BEFORE YOU PAY

A 60-Second Scam Check

Scammers create urgency so you act before you verify. Before sending money, gift cards, cryptocurrency, a wire transfer, or a payment-app transfer, stop and run through this page.

1

Did they contact me unexpectedly?

Government agencies, banks, tech support, police, utilities, and businesses are commonly impersonated.

2

Are they creating panic or urgency?

Scammers use threats, deadlines, arrests, account problems, emergencies, or 'act now' pressure.

3

Are they telling me exactly how to pay?

Gift cards, crypto, wire transfers, bank transfers, cash couriers, or payment apps are common scam payment methods.

4

Are they telling me to keep it secret?

Secrecy prevents you from checking the story with family, your bank, police, or the real organization.

5

Did they ask for a code or password?

Do not share one-time verification codes, passwords, PINs, or remote access to your device.

6

Can I verify the request independently?

Hang up. Use a phone number, website, or account statement you already know is legitimate - not the contact information they provided.

BIG RED FLAG

The FBI says it will never call or email private citizens to demand they move money by wire transfer, cryptocurrency, gift cards, or prepaid cards. The FTC likewise warns that gift-card payment demands are scams.