



Watch your P's it Could be a SCAM!

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PRETEND

Scammers often pose as an official contacting you on behalf of the government. They might use a real name, like the Social Security Administration, IRS, Medicare, or a made up name that sounds official.

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PROBLEM or PRIZE

Scammers may say you're in trouble with the government, you owe money, someone in your family had an emergency, or that there is a virus on your computer. Others will lie and say you won money but have to pay a fee to get it.

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PRESSURE

Scammers want you to act before you have time to think about it. If you're on the phone, they will tell you not to hang up so you can't check out their story.

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PAY

They often insist that you pay by sending money through a money transfer company, or by purchasing on a gift card and giving them the number on the back. Some will send you a fake check and tell you to deposit it and then send them money.



How to Report Scams?

If you were scammed or think you have been scammed, please call

(718) 556-7226 (SCAM)

Email reportscams@rcda.nyc.gov

What can you do to Avoid Scams?



Block unwanted calls and Text Messages.



Don't give your personal or financial information in response to a request that you didn't expect.



Resist the pressure to act immediately. Always verify with someone you trust!



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