

## **SECURITY TIPS**

## Fraudsters victimize through a variety of scams. To spot a possible scam, ask yourself the following questions before you give anyone money or your information:

- 1. Have you been instructed to purchase gift cards for any reason?
- 2. Did someone you have never met in person ask you to send them money?
- 3. Have you allowed someone to connect to your computer or mobile phone for any reason?
- ▶ 4. Has someone asked for your online banking information so they can deposit money to your account?
- 5. Did you receive notification that you won a lottery and/or Publishers Clearinghouse and have been instructed to send money to prepay for taxes on the winnings?
- ▶ 6. Have you been asked to participate as a secret shopper?
- > 7. Did you sell something, and the buyer sent you a check/wire for more than the selling price?
- ▶ 8. Did you receive an urgent call from a family member who is in trouble or has been injured?
- 9. Did you receive a message from a friend asking for financial assistance but haven't talked with them?
- 10. Did the IRS or a government official call and demand money for unpaid taxes or for any other reason?
- 11. Did you receive a call about a past due bill or invoice that you didn't realize was unpaid or owed?
- > 12. Did you receive a call from law enforcement demanding money to avoid being arrested?
- ▶ 13. Are you withdrawing money because you have been asked to assist with a criminal investigation?
- 14. Have you been instructed to transfer money for any reason and not tell anyone the purpose?
- 15. Have you been told to provide a false reason for withdrawing funds or sending funds by wire transfer?
- 16. Are you withdrawing money because you are being threatened for any reason?
- ▶ 17. Has someone created a sense of urgency for you to send money for any reason?
- 18. Are you being asked to send cash or a cashier's check by UPS or FedEx?
- 19. Have you been instructed to withdraw cash and convert it to cryptocurrency for payment of any type?

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