



# **COVID-19 & SCAMS**

This information is up to date as of April 21, 2020. Please contact our office for the most up to date information.

# **BEWARE OF MEDICAL RELATED SCAMS**

Be wary of anyone claiming to have access to a vaccine, testing kit, or cure for COVID-19. Be aware of fake medical supply offers, such as masks or gloves.

# **CHARITY SCAMS**

Be aware of fake or non-existent charities. Check <u>charitynavigator.org</u> to validate the charity if you are interested in donating.

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#### **RELATIVE OR SOCIAL SECURITY SCAMS**

Scammers may claim to be relatives in need of financial assistance, or even claim to be the Social Security Administration requiring money (often in the form of gift cards or cash) in order to not lose benefits.

## FAKE OFFERS OF HELP FOR ERRANDS

Avoid accepting offers from unknown people to run errands for you. Use a trusted delivery service to receive food and supplies. Be aware of price gouging as well. You may file a complaint with the NYS Attorney Generals Office.



### **STIMULUS CHECK SCAMS**

Scammers may claim that they can get your stimulus check to you faster. Do not give out any personal information, i.e. banking information. You do not have to pay to receive your stimulus check. Report scams to <u>www.irs.gov</u>.

#### **BE SAFE. BE AWARE.**

REPORT SCAMS HERE: WWW.FTC.GOV WWW.AG.NY.GOV WWW.IRS.GOV DISASTER FRAUD HOTLINE: 1-866-720-5721



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