

HOLIDAY SCAM SAFETY CHECKLIST

A free privacy & security resource for law enforcement officers and their families



The holiday season brings increased scam activity targeting law enforcement families. Use this checklist to protect yourself and your loved ones from fraud, identity theft, and targeted harassment.

PACKAGE DELIVERY SCAMS

- ☐ Track packages only through official carrier apps or websites
- ☐ Never click delivery links requesting payment or address verification
- ☐ Treat unsolicited delivery texts as scams until verified

CHARITY & DONATION FRAUD

- ☐ Research charities before donating (use Charity Navigator or GuideStar)
- ☐ Ignore unsolicited donation requests via email, text, or phone
- ☐ Never share personal information to "verify" charitable status

TRAVEL DEAL PHISHING

- ☐ Book travel only through verified, official booking sites
- ☐ Be skeptical of "too good to be true" deals on social media
- ☐ Verify travel offers by calling companies directly using official numbers

GIFT CARD & IMPERSONATION

- ☐ Verify any gift card requests by calling the requester directly
- ☐ Never respond to urgent text requests for gift cards
- ☐ Contact supervisors through official channels to confirm requests

SOCIAL MEDIA & GIVEAWAYS

- ☐ Avoid entering contests that require extensive personal information
- ☐ Never share your home address for online giveaways
- ☐ Research companies before participating in holiday promotions

ONLINE DATA EXPOSURE

- ☐ Review what personal information is publicly available about you online
- ☐ Request removal of your data from data broker websites
- ☐ Consider professional data removal services for ongoing protection

Most scams succeed because personal data is publicly available online.

Reduce your exposure. Protect your family. Stay safe this holiday season.

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