



BBB Scam Alert: Political scams expected to increase as U.S. presidential election nears

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Scammers are opportunists who take advantage of whatever is in the news or being chatted about on social media. It's common around this time of year to receive phone calls from political pollsters asking questions about who you plan to vote for, and scammers mimic those legitimate calls.

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VA offers debt relief to those affected by natural disasters

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The Department of Veterans Affairs recently announced that it will offer debt relief to veterans adversely impacted by natural disasters. With fires raging in the West, hurricanes raking the East and the COVID-19 threat still lingering in the background, many veterans are experiencing great hardships, including loss of income, and are finding it difficult to meet their essential monetary commitments for things like food and shelter -- much less finding extra funds to pay off debts that may be years old.

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Disaster Preparedness



Protect yourself from “storm chasers” after a natural disaster

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Natural disasters like tornadoes, hurricanes, storms, flooding, and wildfires, often bring out the best in people, as strangers reach out to help others in need. Unfortunately, the aftermath of a crisis also brings out contractors taking advantage of those who have already been victimized. Better Business Bureau is warning homeowners affected by natural disasters to beware of “storm chasers” and out-of-town contractors soliciting business. Although not all storm chasers are scammers, they may lack the proper licensing for your area, offer quick fixes, or make big promises they can’t deliver.

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Preparedness means rebuilding toward a brighter future with emergency savings

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For many Americans who are experiencing financial challenges as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, preparedness means taking small steps toward rebuilding and resilience. If you are ready to think about your bigger financial picture for the first time in months, what’s the first step? Consider – or start – your emergency saving fund. As you build it over time, it will help cover unexpected expenses that may come, whether that be a natural disaster, unexpected illness, car trouble, or other financial downfall.

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BBB Tip: Scammers trick victims into sending money through CashApp



BBB Tip: Vehicle shipper and escrow scams grow as demand increases for

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With many businesses and individuals avoiding cash during the pandemic, digital wallets are becoming an increasingly common way to pay. Especially popular - with 30 million downloads in 2020 so far - is CashApp. Con artists are finding clever ways to abuse users' unfamiliarity with the newly popular app, according to numerous [BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker) reports. Scammers are now requesting payment through CashApp, instead of other methods like prepaid debit card or wire transfer. Victims report that they send scammers money through the app and are immediately blocked.

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online vehicle purchases

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Social distancing guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic have fueled an unprecedented shift to online shopping for consumer goods of all kinds, including vehicles, with particularly high demand for recreational vehicles (RVs). Many online platforms list cars, trucks, vans and RVs for very low prices, with sellers offering to make third-party delivery arrangements if the buyer pays via escrow. In reality, neither the automobile nor the escrow company exists -- leaving the buyer without their money or their vehicle.

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Does your military resume need a makeover?

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

When it comes to writing a civilian resume, military members and veterans can find it challenging to create one using language that anyone can understand. How do you capture military training, titles, terms, and acronyms in a way that allows the reader to “get it”?

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Networking Etiquette: 5 common mistakes to avoid

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

In the world of career transition, you constantly hear about networking! Why? Because it leverages the sincere desire people have to want to help. Not only does helping others make them feel good, it has the added benefit of strengthening their own professional networks. When used as a tool to expand visibility into potential job opportunities, networking is very difficult to beat. Networking is so effective because it helps both sides – the employer *and* the job-seeker.

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