

Protect Yourself from Scams

The Community Foundation's Preventing Financial Scam Initiative protects our community. Here are some tips and resources for avoiding scams.

Red Flags:

- If you feel rushed or suspicious, pause. Ask someone you trust for their opinion before doing anything else.
- Be mindful of messages that have a sense of urgency or emotional amplification.
- You do not have to send money to receive a prize.
- The Social Security Administration and IRS will not call you to confirm your Social Security Number.
- Do not send money or gift cards to someone you have never met.
- If someone asks you to lie about what you are doing, it is probably a scam.
- Never send money or gifts to someone you have not met in person.
- If someone you do not know asks you to buy gift cards or wire money, it is probably a scam.
- People who confess love quickly are normally scammers.

Reporting:

- If you suspect fraud, file a complaint with the Nevada Attorney General at http://ag.nv.gov/Complaints/File_Complaint/ or by calling 888-434-9989. You can also file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) by calling their Consumer Response Center at (1-877-382-4357) <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.
- If you suspect someone elderly or vulnerable is being abused, exploited, neglected, or abandoned, call Nevada Adult Protective Services at 888-729-0571.

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