

Scammers try to con people out of their money, especially during times of stress, fear, and uncertainty – like right now during the coronavirus pandemic. They try all sorts of things to take advantage of people.

For example, fraudsters might come up with a fake charity and ask for donations or try to sell you a phony cure or treatment for COVID-19. They might even contact you pretending to be from a government agency.

Here are 3 things you can do to help keep your money safe:

1. Don't share Social Security or Medicare ID numbers, financial information, or other personal information with someone you don't know who contacts you in person or by phone, text message, social media message, or email.
2. Always double check the identity of someone who wants payment by wire transfer, gift cards or a mobile payment app.
3. Know that the government will not call, text, or contact you on social media to say you owe money or try to threaten or intimidate you into giving up your personal information.

For more information on how to protect and manage your finances during the national coronavirus emergency, visit consumerfinance.gov/coronavirus