

# Scam Red Flags Checklist

Stay safe from scammers by recognizing these warning signs. Print this checklist and keep it near your phone or computer as a quick reference guide.

## **Creates Urgency or Pressure**

They say "Act now!" or "Limited time only!" to rush your decision. Legitimate organizations give you time to think.

## **Asks for Gift Cards**

Requests payment via gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency. Real businesses don't ask for these payment methods.

## **Makes Threats**

Uses scare tactics like "Your account will be closed" or "You'll be arrested." Government agencies don't threaten over the phone.

## **Sounds Too Good to Be True**

Promises huge prizes, inheritances, or investment returns with no risk. If it sounds unbelievable, it probably is.

## **Requests Personal Information**

Asks for Social Security numbers, bank details, or passwords. Never share sensitive information with unsolicited callers.

## **Unknown or Blocked Caller**


Calls from unfamiliar numbers or shows "Unknown" on caller ID. Let it go to voicemail and verify before calling back.

## **Contains Suspicious Links**

Emails or texts with strange web addresses or spelling errors. Hover over links before clicking to see the real destination.

## **Demands Payment for Prizes**

Says you won something but must pay fees or taxes first. Real prizes never require upfront payment.

 **Remember:** When in doubt, hang up and call the organization directly using a number you find yourself. Talk to a trusted family member or friend before making any decisions.

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