

Protect Yourself



HANG UP!

When the telephone rings and you do not know who is calling, remember you are in control. **DO NOT** give out any information to a stranger.



DELETE!

Protect your identity. Delete any suspicious or unknown emails. **DO NOT** open them.



SHRED!

Shred all mail and statements with your name on them. **DO NOT** just throw them in the trash.



DON'T ANSWER!

Ignore the door when you are not expecting a visitor. **DO NOT** give money or information to solicitors or other strangers.

Contact Us!

For more information or to set up a presentation call (520) 351-4685, email cp.nw@live.com, or visit pimasheriff.org

Contact Us

For more information on this and other department services, contact:

Pima County Sheriff's Department
Community Resources Unit

(520) 351-4615 or pimasheriff.org

You can also visit our website for:

- Online crime reporting
- Local crime mapping
- Neighborhood Resource Guide

Together we can make a difference.



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The Scam Squad

Hang up! Delete!
Shred! Don't Answer!



PIMA COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Service with Honor Since 1865

Mission Statement

Empowering our community to combat fraud through awareness, education, and interactions.



WHAT IS A SCAM? The definition in Webster's dictionary is "a coordinated effort by an individual or group to get you to give them money by using deception."

Who Are We?

The Sheriff's Auxiliary Volunteers work with Commissioned Deputies to help the citizens of Pima County overcome the schemes of financial predators.



Common Scams

- You have NOT won a sweepstakes or lottery you don't remember entering.
- You NEVER have to pay anything up front to claim a prize.
- Your friend that is out of the country on vacation does NOT need you to send them money to replace their passport.
- The IRS is NOT going to send you notice that you might be due a refund.
- NEVER give out personal information to anyone over the phone concerning health care.
- Home repair scams will use words like "repair people", "cash only", and "have extra supplies".
- Watch for payday loans asking for money upfront.
- Dating websites responses that ask you for money.



Scams are nothing new. The motive doesn't change; JUST THE METHOD!

Scammers Goals

The scammer uses emotional triggers to entrap the victim.

With emotions so engaged, logic and reason go out the window.

If you have a cell phone or telephone, get mail, have a computer, or a front door,

YOU ARE A TARGET!

Be Smart/Be Safe

1. Report the scam to law enforcement.
2. Be aware! You'll probably be contacted again. The scammers aren't going to give up easily.

They will keep trying!

If you have already been victimized, don't feel ashamed or embarrassed. You have become one of the 50 million adults who will fall prey to the scammers this year.

What do I do now? Here are some resources for where to report scams.

Arizona Attorney General
www.azag.gov

Better Business Bureau
www.bbb.org/Tucson

Register of Contractors
www.az.roc.gov/