

UNITED STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the COVID-19 virus to steal money and personal information. <u>Don't let them</u>.

Protect Yourself

Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

Verify information.

Contact trusted sources to confirm information is correct. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <u>www.cdc.gov</u>.

Know who you're buying from.

Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they don't.

Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

Do your homework.

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

Report Coronavirus Fraud

If you believe you were a victim of a scam, call local law enforcement and file a complaint by phone or online :

National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF):

1-866-720-5721

www.justice.gov/disaster-fraud

Additional Information

www.justice.gov/coronavirus www.fbi.gov/coronavirus www.coronavirus.gov www.ftc.gov/coronavirus

