

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

