

As of April 2, 2020

COVID-19 Scams

Email sent to us by Thomas Green, First Vice President of the NH State Firemans' Association:

Scammers are hitting the New Hampshire State Firemans Association website asking for gift cards to be sent. Please do not reply to any. Please this is a total scam from offshore criminals, the New Hampshire State Firemens Association is not asking for anyone to send any gift cards to anyone in reference to COVID-19.

https://www.laoniadailysun.com/news/courts_cops/us-attorney-warns-of-covid--fraud-schemes/article_c70e8780-6dd7-11ea-a26b-0f11595b213b.html

AN article in the Laconia Daily Sun today addresses this concerning issue

<https://wsilvtv.com/2020/03/24/police-warn-about-covid-19-phone-scams/>

According to police, scammers are claiming they are with the "coronavirus relief fund" and tell callers they have qualified for a grant, but they need your personal information in order for you to get the money.

Police say always be cautious of calls that try to get your financial and personal information.

"Your date of birth, your banking information, those things, do not give out over the phone. You can ask them for a call back number, you can call the Better Business Bureau to see if that number is linked to any scams," says Perryville Police Corporal Jeri Cain.

If you receive a call like this, report the phone number to police or you can also contact federal trade commission online.

<https://6abc.com/6046290/>

The Federal Communications Commission released examples of spam calls consumers are getting across the country, including a call about testing kits.

Another scam call involves a bogus coronavirus vaccine.

"People are getting calls purporting to come from the CDC and the individual saying reserve your vaccine. Give us your credit card number and your social security number," said Rob D'Ovidio of Drexel University's Cyber Crime and Forensics Institute.

<https://www.cnbc.com/2020/03/23/coronavirus-fraudsters-prey-on-fear-with-fake-products-email-scams.html>

- IBM Security last week discovered a particularly malicious email spam campaign that mimics the World Health Organization.
- The FBI is warning against phishing emails related to charitable contributions, general financial relief, airline refunds and fake cures, testing kits and vaccines