



Attorney General Yost Encourages Ohioans to Follow These Tips to Avoid Coronavirus Related Scams

Watch out for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

-) Trustworthy information can be found at www.cdc.gov

Be aware of emails and other attempts to collect personal, financial, and medical information.

-) When in doubt, do not share. Confirm an organization is legitimate by calling them back at a phone number you have verified.

Ignore online advertisements promoting cures for the coronavirus.

-) According to the Federal Trade Commission, "There currently are no vaccines, pills, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) online or in stores."

Research nonprofit organizations and crowdfunding campaigns before donating

-) A database of registered charities can be found here:
<https://charitableregistration.ohioattorneygeneral.gov/Charities/Research-Charities.aspx>. Never pay with cash, gift cards, wire transfer or prepaid money cards.

Be cautious of anyone going door-to-door offering coronavirus testing or temperature readings, and requesting personal information.

-) Call law enforcement immediately if you see a suspicious person. Never let strangers in your home.

When online avoid clicking on unknown links or pop-ups and never download suspicious email attachments.

-) Doing this could infect your device with bad software designed to steal personal information.

Consumers who suspect an unfair or deceptive sales practice should contact the Ohio Attorney General's Office at www.OhioProtects.org or 800-282-0515.