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Spot a Scam

6 Signs That It's a Scam



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Scams

Work-at-home

Lottery

Online Shopping

Tech Support

Rental

Fake Check

COVID-19

IRS & Social Security

Puppy

Romance

Same as it ever was...

Many scammers use the same tricks.

But just because it worked before
doesn't mean it has to work again.

Learn the signs to protect yourself.

Break the cycle.



1

Surprise!

Scammers contact
you with unexpected
news.

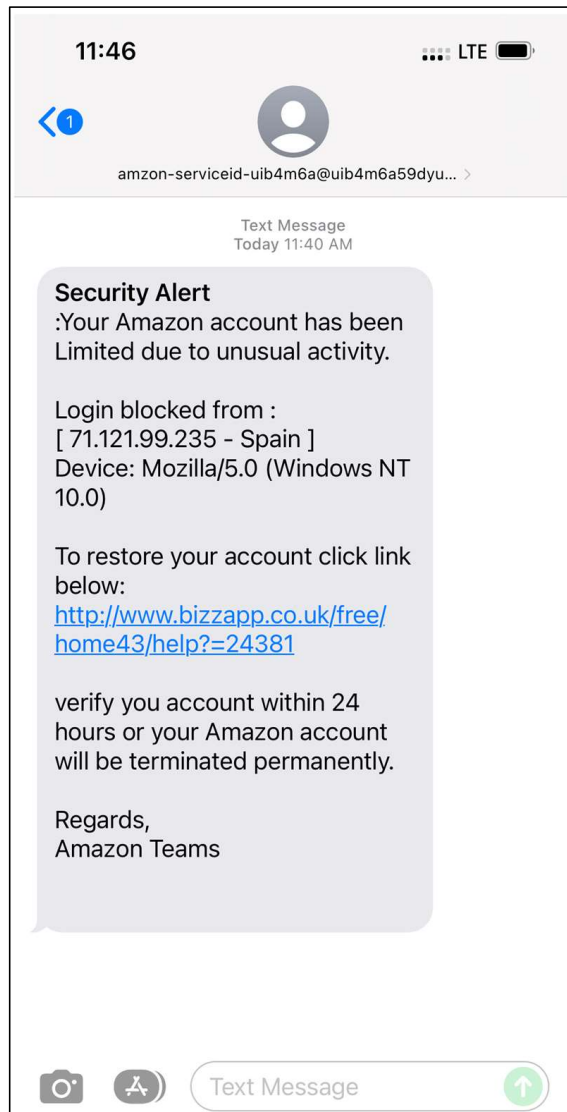


Hurry!

Scammers pressure
you to act NOW!



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Business Impersonation Scam

- Security Alert (sounds serious and a bit scary)
- Account blocked
- Account will be “terminated permanently” if you don’t act quickly

3 What's your number?



Scammers ask for personal information like your Social Security number.



Government Imposter Scam

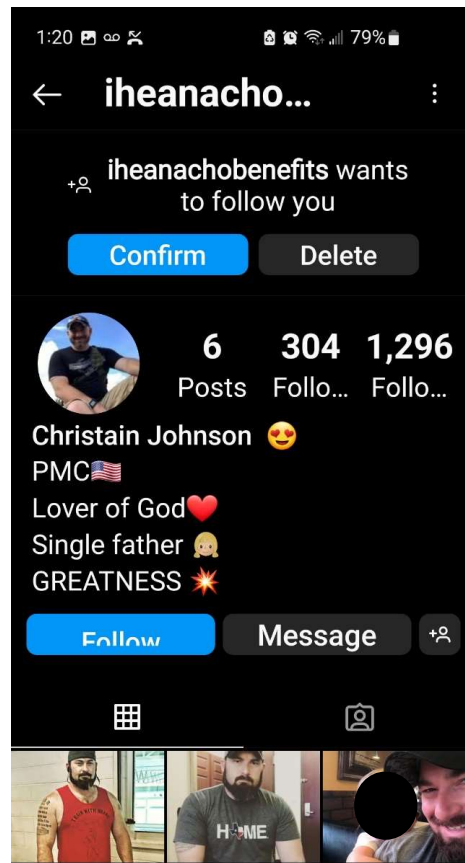
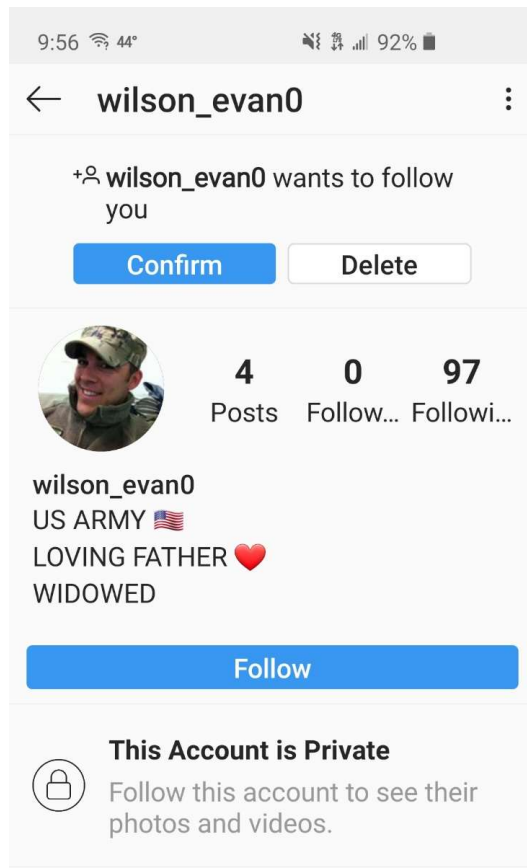
- Suspend Social Security number on immediate basis
- Suspicious trails of info
- “Verify” last 4 digits of your Social Security number
- Arrest warrant under your name
- “Get back to me as soon as possible”

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Pay up!

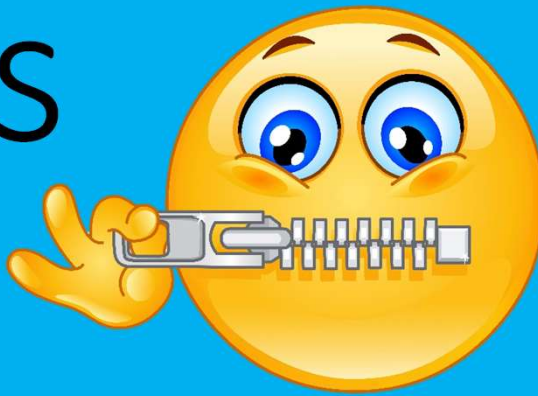
Scammers want money—often by wire transfer, gift cards, or direct payment application.



Romance Scams

- Unexpected follow requests on Instagram
- Names that sound common
- Claims of military service or related to military

Shhh...it's
a secret.



Scammers say you can't
tell anyone what's
happening.

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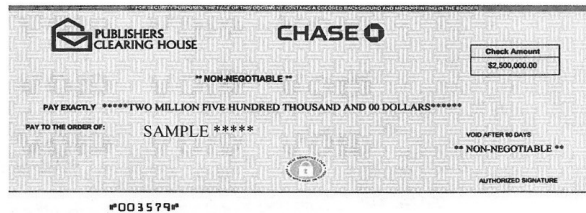
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Sweepstakes Scam

- Exciting, out-of-the-blue news
- Provide check for insurance and attorney fees
- Urge quick contact
- Required to keep confidential



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Too good (or too bad) to be true

Scammers claim something amazing or awful happened.





U.S Department against prostitution and pimping.

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6 Signs of a Scam

1. Surprise
2. Urgency or emergency
3. Asking for personal information
4. Trying to get money
5. Secrecy
6. Sounding too good or too bad to be true

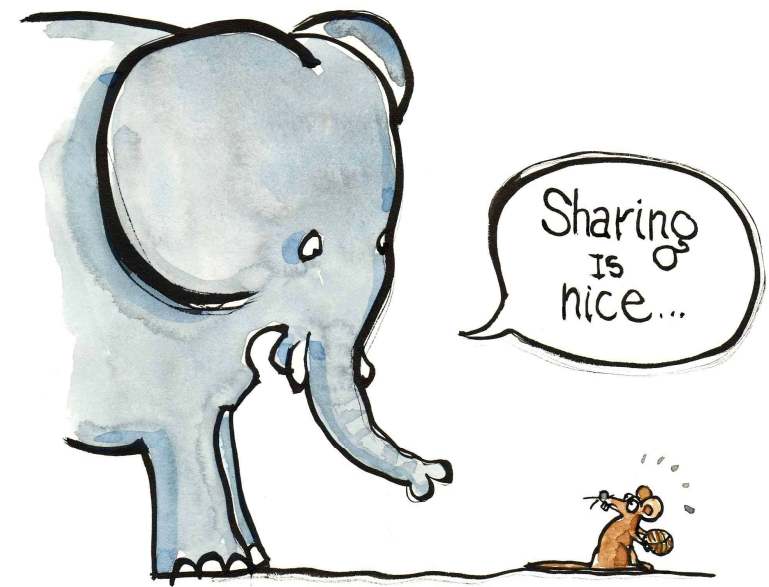


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**YOU'VE GOTTA BE KITTEN
ME.**

Sharing is caring

- Share one thing you've learned from this presentation with a friend or family member
- Report scammers to [FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov)
- Report loss of money to local law enforcement



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