



# How I'll avoid a scam.

Use this action plan to help protect yourself from scams. Know what to do if you get an unexpected call, text, email, or social media message asking for money or personal information.

## Know the signs of a scam:

- 🚩 **Scammers contact you and say there's a problem.** They might lie and say you owe the government money. Or pretend to be your bank and say your account's been hacked.
- 🚩 **Scammers tell you to hurry.** They don't want you to have time to think.
- 🚩 **Scammers tell you how to pay** — often with cash, wire transfer, cryptocurrency, or a payment app. Once you pay these ways, it's hard to get your money back.

If you feel pressured, **pause**. Talk with **someone you trust** before you act. *Write your trusted contacts on the back.* ►



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# Trusted Contact List

Contact list for people I know in person — like family members, friends, or neighbors:

NAME	PHONE
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Contact info for companies I do business with (credit cards, utilities, banks):

BUSINESS	PHONE
WEBSITE	

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WEBSITE	

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If someone calls claiming to be the bank, **HANG UP** and dial the official bank number:

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