Scammers Working Overtime During Pandemic

Following the lead, of “never let a serious crisis go to waste” scammers have been working overtime during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Federal Trade Commission has ramped up its “Raise Awareness” campaign detailing some of the more common scams that have come along in recent months. Here are some of the more common tips by the FTC:

1. Hang up on robocalls…scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

2. Ignore online offers for vaccinations and home test kits. There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges, or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat COVID-19.

3. 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.

4. Don’t respond to texts and emails about checks from the government.

5. If someone wants a donation in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don’t do it!! And never open or click on links from unrecognized emails or provide any personal information over the phone.