

# U.S. Attorney's Office Northern District of Alabama

# **AVOID CORONAVIRUS SCAMS**

Scammers are taking advantage of fears surrounding the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) to steal money and personal information. Don't let them.

## **Protect Yourself**

#### Hang up on robocalls.

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

### Verify information.

Contact trusted sources to confirm information is correct. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at <a href="www.cdc.gov">www.cdc.gov</a>.

## 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.

#### Don't click on links from sources you don't know.

They could download viruses onto your computer or device.

## Do your homework.

Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.

# **Report Coronavirus Fraud**

If you believe you were a victim of a scam, call local law enforcement and file a complaint online or by phone:

National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF): 1-866-720-5721;

disaster@leo.gov

FBI Internet Crime Complaint
Center - www.IC3.gov

# **Additional Information**

www.cdc.gov

www.coronavirus.gov

www.FDA.gov ftc.gov/coronavirus

www.justice.gov/usao/aln

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