

MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF



We have an amazing community here in Fort Collins. I'm proud to live in a place with such engaged residents and a vibrant City government dedicated to public safety, economic health, and sustainable growth. I encourage you to get involved with the safety of your neighborhood and call us if you see something that concerns you. Together, I have no doubt that we can make this the safest city in the country.

Jeff Swoboda
Chief of Police



"FAMILY EMERGENCY" SCAM

This common scam occurs when someone calls and says they're a distant family member or friend who had an emergency and needs money. Examples include being arrested and needing bail money, involved in a motor vehicle accident and needing money, had an emergency out of the United States and needs money to return home. The caller often asks you not to tell anyone so they don't get in any further trouble. Don't fall for it! Hang up. Then contact family or friends who can help determine if you do have a relative who actually needs help. More than likely, this is just a scam from someone trying to take advantage of you!



SCAMSMART

*Protecting Your Family &
Finances from Fraud*



Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: 970-419-FCPD

Police Services Headquarters

2221 S. Timberline Road
Fort Collins, Colorado 80525

Records Department

(970) 221-6540 x5
Monday–Friday 8 a.m.–6 p.m.



(970) 419-FCPD

Our non-emergency number is staffed 24 hours a day. If you need help or have a concern, don't hesitate to call. We're always here for you!

SPOTTING A SCAM

Scammers often impersonate government officials while attempting to coerce you into sending them money or to steal your personal information. They might promise lottery winnings if you pay "taxes" or other fees, or they might threaten you with arrest or a lawsuit if you don't pay a supposed debt.

Regardless of their tactics, their goal is the same: to trick you into sending your hard-earned money while unjustly enriching themselves.

Federal and State government agencies and their employees don't ask people to send money for prizes, unpaid loans, or back taxes nor are they permitted to ask you to wire money or add money to a prepaid debit card to pay for anything.

SCAMSMART

Scammers have gotten smart, but you can be smarter. Protect your identity, finances, and family with these ScamSmart tips:

1. Beware of incoming calls.

Scammers can "spoof" phone numbers to look like they're coming from a legitimate caller. If you get an unexpected call and the person demands payment or tries to "verify" personal information, hang up immediately.

2. Don't pay anyone who demands money over the phone.

Scammers can sound very convincing and may try to scare you into making an immediate payment to avoid consequences. They often require payment in the form of gift cards. Don't fall for it! Government agencies will never demand payment over the phone or via gift cards.

3. Stay Scam Smart.

Learn more and reports scams at www.consumer.ftc.gov

MEDICATION DISPOSAL

Do you have unused, unneeded, or expired medications? Keep them from falling into the wrong hands! You can dispose of them safely by dropping them off at the Police Services Lobby Kiosk anytime during open hours. We can't accept intravenous solutions, injectables, syringes, mercury (thermometers), oxygen containers, chemotherapy/radioactive substances, pressurized canisters, or illicit drugs.

