THREE COMMON ELECTION SEASON SCAMS

POLITICAL DONATION SCAMS
Cybercriminals reach out to you by phone, email or social media posing as a political action committee (PAC) to steal money or personal information.

RECOGNIZE
- They call you unexpectedly and rush you into making a donation.
- They ask for personal or financial information.
- The website doesn't provide any contact information.

RECOVER
- If you made a donation or shared your financial information, contact your bank or financial institution to close or change any compromised accounts.
- Report the scam. Visit FightCybercrime.org to find out where to report.
- If you provided personal information, go to annualcreditreport.com to check your credit report for unusual activity.

FAKE SURVEYS/POLLS
Fraudsters contact you by phone, email or social media pretending to be a political volunteer asking you to take part in a survey/poll.

RECOGNIZE
- They use questions that ask for personal or financial information.
- They ask questions about controversial topics to get you fired up.
- They offer compensation/prizes for participation and ask you to purchase gift cards to process shipping charges and/or taxes for the prize.

RECOVER
- Visit IdentityTheft.gov from the Federal Trade Commission to create a personalized plan for recovery.
- Report the scam. Visit FightCybercrime.org to find out where to report.
- If you provided personal information, go to annualcreditreport.com to check your credit report for unusual activity.

VOTER REGISTRATION SCAMS
Scammers, posing as election officials, contact you by phone, email or in-person. They ask you to update your voter registration or tell you that you can register to vote over the phone.

RECOGNIZE
- They say they need your personal information to confirm your voter registration or to help you register.
- The communication comes from someone other than your state or local election official.
- They ask you to pay to complete your voter registration paperwork.

RECOVER
- Follow the Identity Theft Victim Recovery Checklist by The National Center for Victims of Crime.
- Report the scam. Visit FightCybercrime.org to find out where to report.
- If you provided personal information, go to annualcreditreport.com to check your credit report for unusual activity.

For more recovery tips and resources, visit FightCybercrime.org

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