

# Cybercrime Support Network

Cybercrime Support Network (CSN) is a national nonprofit whose mission is to serve individuals and small businesses impacted by cybercrime.

**Report.** > **Recover.** > **Reinforce.**

# Public Private Partnership



## Craig Newmark Philanthropies



**Federal Grant Funding**  
U.S. Department of Justice  
U.S. Department of Homeland Security

# Key Partners



# The Problem



**Finding Resources**



**Lack of Reporting**



**Law enforcement &  
911 do not have  
tools**



**Finding the  
Criminal is Hard**

# CSN Solutions



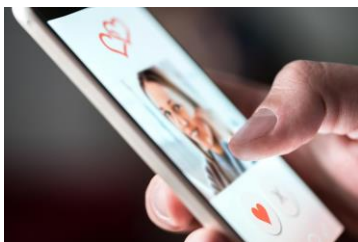
## Military & Veteran Cybercrime Awareness Program

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## The Cyber At Risk

*Foundational Funding by Trend Micro*



## Romance Scam Survivors

*Foundational Funding by FINRA Foundation*

## PLEASE SELECT THE INCIDENT THAT BEST DESCRIBES YOUR SITUATION:



### FINANCIAL / PURCHASE SCAMS

Financial / purchase scams are common and come in many forms. In these types of scams, you lose money when paying for something you never get, invest in a fake company or program, are promised help with debt that doesn't come, or send money in advance with a promise for a big payout.

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### HACKED ACCOUNT / DEVICES

Includes attacks on computers, smartphones, tablets, etc. If you have noticed any unfamiliar activity on your computer, smartphone, tablet, email or social media accounts, someone may have gained access and be using your device or account without your permission.

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## Cyber Resource Catalog

Welcome to the FightCybercrime.org Cyber Resource Catalog. From here you can search our index of cybercrime resources by type of Threat (e.g. Identity Theft, Phishing), target Audience (e.g. Seniors, Military, Child and Teen), or Keyword. The search will return any resources that meet ALL of the criteria you enter below. Resources include contact information for support organizations as well as education and awareness materials, which may be items we've developed ourselves or items from other reputable organizations. If you have suggestions for additional entries, please use our [Feedback page](#).

Threat:

All Threats



Audience:

All Audiences



Keyword(s):

Keyword Text (Optional)

SEARCH

Scam Spotter



## Stay scam-free with these three golden rules:

- ✓ Slow it down  
Take your time and ask questions to avoid being rushed into a bad situation.
- ✓ Spot check  
Always look up the bank, agency or organization that's supposedly calling and get in touch directly.
- ✓ Stop! Don't send  
No reputable person or agency will ever demand payment on the spot—especially not gift cards.



# Public Outreach Materials

## Is That Text Message Real or Fake?

Cybercriminals send text messages posing as somebody you trust, such as government officials, friends, family, and others, with the goal to steal your money or personal information.

**Their common tactics include:**

- Threatening you unless you pay a fee or fine
- Offering a great product, service, or investment at a great price
- Asking for you to log in to an account
- Pretending they are friends or family and urgently need money because of some dire event, like getting arrested, hurt, or their money stolen

**In general, just delete an unusual or unexpected text**

Do not click on any links or at websites or contain malicious messages, as that tells the cyber person (and increases the likelihood of a scam).

**How to Assess a Text Message**

Follow the steps below to help determine if it is most likely a scam or not.

**STEP 1**

**Determine if it is a reasonable request.**

Do you live in the state they are referring to? Would the government contact you via text message? Were you expecting this message? If not, the text is likely fake.

**STEP 2**

**Identify the sender.**

Search for the sender's phone number on [www.google.com](http://www.google.com). Identify where the sender seems to be located and if any of the results suggest the number is involved in scams. (Do not click on any search results!)

**Determination:** Based on our review, the text is likely a scam.

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## RED HEARTS ♥️ RED FLAGS

**Red Flags of a Romance Scam:**

- You meet someone online and after just a few contacts or a short time, they profess their love or strong feelings for you.
- They ask you to start communicating by text or personal email, away from the original site you met on.
- Their profile you read on the site might not match everything they tell you.

## TAKE ACTION AGAINST COVID-19 SCAMS

**CHARITY SCAMS**

You may get contacted by you get asked for donations in the name of COVID-19.

**TAKE ACTION:** If you have purchased a new website or home site, visit [FightCybercrime.org](http://FightCybercrime.org) for recovery help. Also see Federal Trade Commission to learn more about companies selling fake coronavirus treatments.

**ONLINE SHOPPING SCAMS**

You may get contacted by you get asked for donations in the name of COVID-19.

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## EASY E-CLEANUP CHECKLIST

If you find a compromised account during your digital cleanup, visit [FightCybercrime.org](http://FightCybercrime.org).

- TIDY UP YOUR DEVICES**

Keep all web-connected devices updated and clean.

  - UPDATE SOFTWARE: Minimize exposure to security risks and ensure that your device is performing at optimum speed.
  - BRING IN BACKUP: Back-up valuable files to a secure hard drive or storage cloud.
  - CLEAN UP APPS: Get rid of apps you don't use. For apps you do use, update permissions to control which apps have access to your location, photos, contacts, etc.
- REINFORCE YOUR SECURITY**

Secure your online accounts to improve your safety online.

  - CREATE STRONG PASSWORDS: Visit [www.ConsumerSafety.gov](http://www.ConsumerSafety.gov) for tips to create and manage strong passwords.
  - ENABLE TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION: Two factor authentication (2FA) requires an additional code to log in.
  - ADJUST PRIVACY SETTINGS ON SOCIAL MEDIA: Go to [www.StateSafeOnline.org](http://www.StateSafeOnline.org) for quick links to update your privacy settings.
  - PASSWORD-PROTECT YOUR DEVICES: Be sure that your laptop, smartphone, and other electronic devices are protected with strong passwords.
  - CONSIDER A VPN: Using a Virtual Private Network offers you a secure, untraceable connection.
- REMOVE DIGITAL EXCESS**

Get rid of unwanted subscriptions and files.

  - UNSUBSCRIBE FROM UNWANTED NEWSLETTERS: Unsubscribe from automated emails that you no longer need.
  - DELETE OLD FILES & APPS: Sort through your files and apps, and figure out which ones you can get rid of.
  - CHECK FRIENDS & FOLLOWERS: Review your friends/followers on social networks and delete anyone who doesn't belong.
  - CLEAN UP BROWSER SETTINGS: Clear out old data, the stored passwords and old autofill information, and set your browser so it doesn't store passwords or financial information.

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## FIVE STEPS TO COPE WITH CYBERCRIME

Experiencing cybercrime can be as emotionally and mentally draining as any other crime. As a survivor of cybercrime, it is important that you take care of yourself throughout the process of reporting and recovery.

- 1 TAKE CONTROL.**

Report the cybercrime to the FBI/CA. By reporting, you take back control of the situation from the cybercriminal and you help prevent this from happening to others.
- 2 TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF.**

Being the victim of a cybercrime is like being the victim of any crime. Give yourself a break and practice self-care.
- 3 SEEK SUPPORT.**

Talk to a trusted friend, family member, or a professional counselor.

[Find a counselor near you](#)
- 4 DO NOT BLAME YOURSELF.**

Remember, you are not responsible for what happened. Blaming yourself will only bring you more stress and anger. If you are struggling with this, seek help from a professional counselor.
- 5 CONTACT A VICTIM'S ASSISTANCE GROUP.**

Group like REVIC, NETAAN, and NOWA are available to assist victims through the recovery process.

**ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

- [U.S. Resource Map of Crime Victim Services & Intervention](#)
- [Find your State Attorney General](#)
- [Identify Threat Resources Center](#)
- [National Crime Victim Bar Association](#)

If you need help finding more reporting and recovery resources, visit us at [FightCybercrime.org](http://FightCybercrime.org).

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## ROBOCALLS

Call from an automated system posing to be government organizations, family members in distress, or financial institutions. These calls will often ask for credit or payment information.

**TAKE ACTION:** If you have provided personal information to a robo-caller, visit [FightCybercrime.org](http://FightCybercrime.org) for recovery help.

## SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Social media is a tool that cybercriminals use to identify their victims and steal their information.

**TAKE ACTION:** If you're looking for information on social media, who creates profiles like the CDC, World Health Organization, Federal Trade Commission, and the Better Business Bureau.

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