

## 10 Scams of Christmas



1. **Alerts About Compromised Accounts** – Be extra cautious about unsolicited calls, emails and text messages. Hang Up, Look Up and Call Back!
2. **Free Gift Cards** – Nothing brings good cheer like the word **'FREE'**. Do not open unsolicited emails with gift card offers. If you open, do not click on any links.
3. **Temporary Holiday Jobs** – Be wary of employment scams aimed at stealing personal information and money via fake checks. Keep an eye out for opportunities that seem too good to be true!
4. **Free Trial Offers** – Not free! Hidden terms and conditions in fine print!
5. **Top Holiday Wish List Items** – Low or ridiculously priced luxury items. Be very cautious when purchasing these items, it could be a fraudulent retailer phishing for payment information or cheap counterfeits.
6. **One-time Passcodes** - Do not share authentication codes or your online login credentials with anyone.
7. **Fake Charities** – If you are thinking about charitable giving this year, give to an organization you know and trust.
8. **Money Transfers** – Don't send money to people you don't know. This includes wires, buying gift cards, payment apps, etc.
9. **Don't Overshare** – Stay safe online. That includes posting pictures that accidentally have confidential information in the background or giving an app or website an inordinate amount of personal information.
10. **Fake Shipping Notifications** – Do not click on any suspicious links in emails about undelivered packages or pay a fee for re-delivery.

**\*Lookout for fraudulent schemes aimed at swiping cash and stealing personal information!\***



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