

COVID-19 SAFETY:

FRAUD & SCAMS EDITION



Isolation from family and friends increases your risk of being frauded. Check out these common COVID-19 scams and how to avoid them.

ROBOCALLS

Scammers are calling offering testing kits, cures, work from home opportunities & offers to pick up essential needs. There are no known preventatives or cures for COVID-19. Do your research & only order essential items from merchants where you initiate the contact.



STIMULUS CHECKS

Stimulus checks increase the opportunity for scams. The IRS will not request a fee to expedite your payment. Bank account information should never be shared by phone or email.

Visit the IRS website: <https://www.irs.gov/>



CHARITY SCAMS

Donation calls and emails for charities to fund cures and vaccines are rampant. Only donate to organizations you have extensively researched and validated. Never give someone your checking account information.

Verify charities with the NC Secretary of State www.sosnc.gov



GRANDPARENT SCAM

If you get a call that your grandchild need funds right away to get out of the hospital, jail, or another urgent situation, ask questions only your grandchild could answer or hang up and call your grandchild.



NEED HELP?

Law Enforcement: 911

- Greensboro Police: 336-373-2287
- High Point Police: 336-883-3224

Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services - Adult Protective Services (To report adult exploitation, abuse and neglect): 336-641-3137

Report scams to the North Carolina Department of Justice
ncdoj.gov/complaint or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM



Guilford County
Family Justice Center
One Safe Place: Many Partners, United Mission

336-641-7233

www.guilfordcountync.gov/fjc