

HOW TO RECOGNIZE A SCAM AT YOUR HOME

Knowing what to be on the lookout for when it comes to scams is one of the best ways to protect yourself.

- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. A contractor offering a last minute offer or forcing you to make a quick decision often indicates a scam or offer that is not in your best interest. Have a trusted individual review the offer before taking any action.
- Unsolicited or unexpected contact. Be very leery of people showing up to your home. Verify identification and authenticity before letting anyone into your home.
- If a person demands cash on the spot, do not pay them. Do not make up front payments. Ask them to return at a later time and then pay via a check or credit card. Do not pay in gift cards.
- Do not retrieve money or open a safe with an unknown person in your home. It's likely they are canvassing your home to understand where you keep funds.
- Stay alert when contractors or solicitors show up to your home. Don't let an individual take you to the backyard or another area where an accomplice could easily gain access into your unsecured home.
- If you see an unknown person at your neighbors home, or you've been a victim of a scam, call 911 to report it.

