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Smart Seniors

Scammers Follow
the Headlines:
What to Know.
What to Beware.



Tips to Avoid Coronavirus Scams

- Beware of medical products that claim to treat or cure coronavirus.

There is currently no FDA-approved vaccine. Report suspect products to my office.

- Report retailers that engage in price gouging.

If you see price gouging, my office wants to know.

- Use caution when making charitable donations.

Research the charity before you donate.

- Beware of offers to invest in coronavirus-related products or services.

Report suspected investor fraud to my office.

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Tips to Avoid Scams

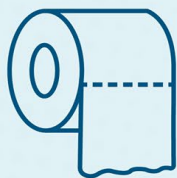
Stay Vigilant!

- Never give your personal information or financial information out to someone unless you are absolutely sure who they are.
- Be alert: scammers may use emails, texts, or webpages that look like they are from the federal government. The government will not email or text you claiming they have a check for you.
- If you are eligible for a payment, you will receive it directly from the IRS. Do not pay anyone who promises that they can expedite a payment for you. You will not need to make any up-front payment or pay any fee to receive these funds.
- Never open attachments or links sent from anyone who claims to be from the government. Do not reply and delete the message right away.

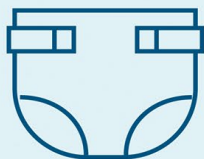
We are here to help:
(800) 771-7755



***If you see
price gouging
we want to know.***



***Toilet
Paper***



Diapers



Formula



***Food
Staples***

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ag.ny.gov/price-complaint



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Tips for Charitable Giving During the COVID-19 Crisis:

- Check the Organization Before Giving, Especially Newly Formed Organizations
- Ask How Your Donation Will Be Used
- Be Careful When Giving Through Social Media or Email Solicitations
- Exercise Caution Before You Text a Contribution
- Do Not Give Cash
- Be Careful About Providing Personal Information

If you believe an organization is misrepresenting its work, or that a fundraising or charitable scam is taking place, please contact the Attorney General's Office:

charities.complaints@ag.ny.gov or (800) 771-7755

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QUESTIONS?

Thank you!!!

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