

The Claremont Police Department Wants You to Avoid Coronavirus Scams:

Here are some tips to help you keep the scammers at bay:

- Don't click on e-mail links from sources you don't know. They could download viruses onto your computer or device.
- Use Internet precautions when working from home. More people than ever are working from home, often with fewer security defenses on their home networks than they would have in the office.
- Watch for emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or experts saying they have information about the virus. For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).
- Ignore online offers for vaccinations. There currently are no vaccines, pills, potions, lotions, lozenges or other prescription or over-the-counter products available to treat or cure Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) — online or in stores.
- No at-home test kits have been granted an emergency use authorization from the FDA.
- Do your homework when it comes to donations, whether through charities or crowdfunding sites. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation. If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money, don't do it.
- If and when the Federal Government issues individual emergency relief funds, they will not call asking for personal information, ask for bank account numbers and/or PIN numbers, or ask for money for a "deposit".

If you are suspicious about any offer or request, please do not hesitate to contact your local law enforcement agency or NH 2-1-1.

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