



## DON'T GET SCAMMED NEVADA!

The Nevada COVID-19 Task Force recommends that Nevadans do the following to protect themselves from falling victim to COVID-19 related scams:

• Avoid clicking on links in emails or messages from people you do not know;

• Be suspicious of any emails and posts claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or other supposed experts. Updated information regarding the coronavirus is provided directly on the CDC website and other related websites such as the World Health Organization and Department of Health and Human Services;

• Be skeptical of online promotions for treatments, cures or vaccines for coronavirus. If there were a medical breakthrough, it would not be advertised for the first time through a sales pitch;

• Do your research before donating to any relief or related charitable causes;

• Talk to a financial professional you know and trust, or conduct your own research, before paying in to any type of new investment;

• Beware of unsolicited phone calls offering financial relief or assistance, such as stimulus payments, student loan relief or credit card debt relief. Do not share your personal information with a business or person you do not know. This includes information such as your address, Social Security number, financial information and passwords, among other information; and

• As a consumer or a business owner, be alert to those who are trying to appeal to your fears to take advantage of you. Think carefully before reacting to communications about COVID-19 from people you do not know.

If you are in danger or experiencing a true emergency, please call 911. If you have been victimized by any crime related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please report your experience to the Attorney General's Office (ag.nv.gov/Complaints/File\_Complaint/) and the National Center for Disaster Fraud (NCDF) hotline at 1-866-720-5721 or by e-mailing the NCDF at <u>disaster@leo.gov</u>.