



Avoiding Job Scams

Community Protection Division

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Finding a Job

Use Safe Job Search Sites

- If job searching online, make sure you're searching on safe and reliable sites:
 - www.USAJobs.gov
 - www.CareerOneStop.org
 - www.ConnectingColorado.com

Research the Company or Organization

- Do an online search of the company, plus the words "scam", "review", or "complaint"
- Talk to someone you trust and describe the job offer and company
- Research professional licensures by visiting <https://dpo.colorado.gov/>
- Research business licenses by visiting the Colorado Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.state.co.us/>
- Visit your local Workforce Center to talk with a Specialist who can help you navigate finding employment:
 - Workforce Boulder County
 - Phone: 720-776-0822
 - Email: workforce@bouldercounty.org
 - Boulder: 1333 Iris Avenue
 - Longmont: 515 Coffman Street

Never Pay for a Job

- Employers will never ask you to pay to get a job and anyone who does, is a scammer

Never bank on a "cleared" check

- No legitimate employer will ever send you a check and then request part of the money or request to buy gift cards or cryptocurrency with it
- The check will bounce and the bank will want you to repay the amount of the fake check

Beware of Job Red Flags

- **The company promises a "golden" opportunity like being your own boss, making thousands, or work-from-home**
- **Asks for payment of some sort to secure the job or to purchase a list of potential jobs**
- **Wants to send a check and then request part of the money back in the form of gift cards or cryptocurrency**
- **Rush you to take a job immediately**
- **Automatically tell you "You're Hired!" without a traditional interview**
- **They can contact you, but you cannot contact them**
- **Require you to send copies or photos of your driver's license and Social Security card before any formal interview process**

What to Do if you Paid the Scammer

Immediately contact the company you used to send the money, report the fraud, and ask to have the transaction reversed.

Report Job Scams

- Report job scam to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov> or call 1-877-382-4357
- You can also report it to the Colorado Attorney General at <https://www.stopfraudcolorado.gov/> or call 720-508-6000

**Call the DA's Community Protection
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