



The first step in keeping fraud from happening? Knowing the warning signs! Here's more:



Be highly skeptical of emails or websites that contain spelling mistakes, grammar errors, or expressions being used incorrectly. Also check email and web addresses for subtle mistakes or differences.



A classic scam is the one that involves overpayment. If you sell something, a fraudster may send you a counterfeit cheque in excess of what you owe. You'll be asked to deposit the cheque and wire the difference back, making fraudulent funds legitimate for them.



Unsolicited friend requests on social media from people you don't know should not be accepted. More red flags: if they have fairly empty profiles and generic posts.



Fraudsters will often request that you wire money electronically using money transfer services that are hard to trace – and hard to get your money back. Or they'll want you to use a cryptocurrency like Bitcoin. Take these as warning signs of a scam.



Unbelievable offers, extreme discounts, and super amazing rates can signal that something isn't what it seems. Proceed with extreme caution when encountering something that appears too good to be true.