



## Internet Crime Prevention Tips

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Internet crime schemes that steal millions of dollars each year from victims continue to plague the Internet through various methods. Following are preventative measures that will assist you in being informed prior to entering into transactions over the Internet:

- \* Auction Fraud
- \* Counterfeit Cashier's Check
- \* Credit Card Fraud
- \* Debt Elimination
- \* DHL/UPS
- \* Employment/Business Opportunities
- \* Escrow Services Fraud
- \* Identity Theft
- \* Internet Extortion
- \* Investment Fraud
- \* Lotteries
- \* Nigerian Letter or "419"
- \* Phishing/Spoofing
- \* Ponzi/Pyramid
- \* Reshipping
- \* Spam
- \* Third Party Receiver of Fund

### **Identity Theft**

- \* Ensure websites are secure prior to submitting your credit card number.
- \* Do your homework to ensure the business or website is legitimate.
- \* Attempt to obtain a physical address, rather than a P.O. box or maildrop.
- \* Never throw away credit card or bank statements in usable form.
- \* Be aware of missed bills which could indicate your account has been taken over.
- \* Be cautious of scams requiring you to provide your personal information.
- \* Never give your credit card number over the phone unless you make the call.
- \* Monitor your credit statements monthly for any fraudulent activity.
- \* Report unauthorized transactions to your bank or credit card company as soon as possible.
- \* Review a copy of your credit report at least once a year.