

*“The Broward Sheriff’s Office is committed to keeping you safe from victimization.”*

*- Sheriff Gregory Tony*



If you think you have been the victim of a scam, dial BSO’s non-emergency number:

**(954) 764-HELP (4357).**

To report scammers or any other suspicious activity anonymously, please call Broward Crime Stoppers at:

**(954) 493-TIPS (8477).**

In an emergency dial **911.**



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**BSO REMINDS  
SLAM  
ON**



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**YOU TO  
THE DOOR  
SCAMMERS**

## Protect Yourself Against Scammers!

- **NEVER** let anyone inside your home until you verify who they are.
- **NEVER** provide personal information, such as Social Security numbers or bank information, unless the individual is verified.
- Use an email filter to detect and separate questionable emails.
- If you feel you are a victim of a scam, you can request to freeze your credit by contacting any credit reporting agency.



# The Broward Sheriff's Office reminds you to Slam the door on Scammers!

**Scammers** use various tactics to obtain your personal information such as Social Security numbers, addresses and banking information. It is important to have knowledge of the various tactics used to acquire your information.

## Here are some indicators that may help you detect a scam.

### In person scams:

- Someone telling you their car broke down and asks to use your phone.
- An individual poses as a maintenance worker or company representative who needs to check something inside your home.

### Email scams:

- The domain name is misspelled.
- The email may be poorly written.
- The email includes suspicious attachments or links.
- The message will create a sense of urgency.

### Text message scams:

- Sent by a long or unknown number.
- Text states there is a family crisis.
- Text states a refund is being issued.
- Text states you won a grand prize.
- Text states something is wrong with a purchase or delivery and asks you to click on a link.

### Phone call scams:

- Caller states there is an urgent legal issue which requires your attention.
- Caller states they are a representative from the IRS, a bank, tech support, donation center or even the lottery, asking you for your personal information.

- Register all of your phone numbers with the Federal Trade Commission's National Do Not Call Registry at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov).
- If you encounter a suspected phone scam, contact the Federal Trade Commission at **(877) 392-4357** to file a complaint. Report email scams to [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov).
- If someone suspicious comes to your house, dial **9-1-1** to report the person and provide as many descriptive details as possible.

