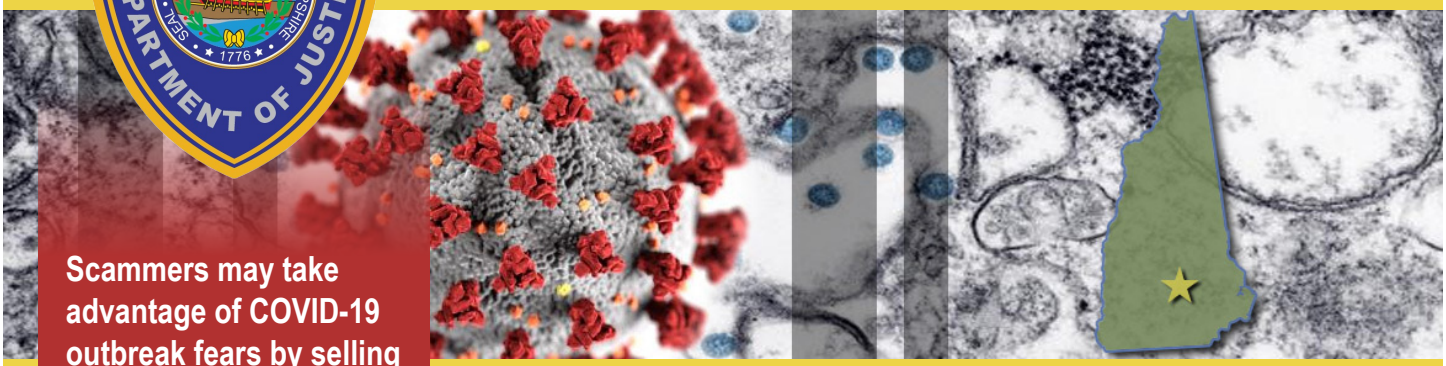
COVID-19 AVOIDING SCAMS



Scammers may take advantage of COVID-19 outbreak fears by selling bogus "treatments" and "prevention" products, establishing fake charities, and sending seemingly legitimate emails with malicious links or attachments.

BEWARE OF FALSE CLAIMS

Do not be tempted by claims and advice on social media or websites that a product or treatment can cure or prevent COVID-19.

Currently, therer are no prescription or over-the-counter pills, vaccines, oils, lotions, or other products available to treat or cure COVID-19. Always check with your health care provider before buying such products.

BE CAREFUL WHEN MAKING DONATIONS

Before making donations to support those who are ill or suffering financially because of the COVID-19 outbreak, DO YOUR HOMEWORK:

- If the appeal claims to be from a charity, make sure that it is registered with the Attorney General's Charitable Trusts Unit. The list may be found here: www.doj.nh.gov/charitable-trusts/
- If the appeal is for an individual, think hard about donating unless you know the person needing help and that person's circumstances;
- Do not let anyone rush you into making a donation;
- Check that you are dealing with a legitimate charity or individual and not an "imposter" with a deceptively similar name;
- Do not assume that social media recommendations for donations are legitimate.

BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR PHONY CDC EMAILS

Be careful about opening emails claiming to be from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or from others claiming to have information about COVID-19. Clicking on links or attachments could cause a computer virus to infect your device.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REPORT SCAMS OR FRAUD

Contact **1-888-468-4454**
or **DOJ-CPB@doj.nh.gov**

Visit the NH Department of Justice website:
www.doj.nh.gov

STAY INFORMED

Visit **nh.gov/covid19** for up-to-date information about the COVID-19 outbreak in New Hampshire.