SCAM AWARENESS

WATCH OUT! SCAMMERS TARGET EVERYONE! Their full-time job is to trick you into giving up information for their gain. If It Is Too Good to Be True, It Probably Is!

IRS/Govt Imposters Account Takeovers For

Foreign Exchange Scams

Social Media Scams

Jail Scams Al Voice/Picture Scams

Phishing

Smishing Spoofing

Advanced Fee Scams Lottery Scams

Gift Card Scams

Counterfeit Checks

Insurance Fraud

Pyramid Schemes

Identity Theft Romance Scams

Job Scams



USE THE 10-2 RULE

Take **10** Minutes to Think About It. Talk To **2** People to Confirm OK.

Protect Yourself! Recognize scammers. They may:

- PRETEND to be from an agency or organization you know.
- Say there's a **PROBLEM** or promise a prize.
- PRESSURE you to act immediately.
- Tell you to PAY in a specific way.

Do Not Give Scammers Money or Personal Information – Ignore Them! HOW TO STAY SAFE:

- Remain calm. Talk to someone you trust.
- Hang up or ignore the message. DO NOT click on links or attachments.
- **Protect your money.** Criminals will insist that you pay in a hard-to-trace manner, such as with a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire transfer, money transfer, gold bars, or by mailing cash.
- Protect your personal information. Be skeptical of any contact you didn't initiate.
- Spread the word. Share your knowledge of scams with your friends, family, and community.