

PROTECT YOURSELF



- Do Not Trust Caller ID
If you get a ROBO call, just hang up. Do not push any buttons
- Do not open emails from people who you don't know
- Do not give out any personal info
- Ignore offers for vaccinations and home test kits
- Never donate money by cash, check, gift card or by wiring money
- Always be aware of anyone claiming to be a family member who needs money immediately

Where to File a Complaint

Federal Trade Commission

<https://>

www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov

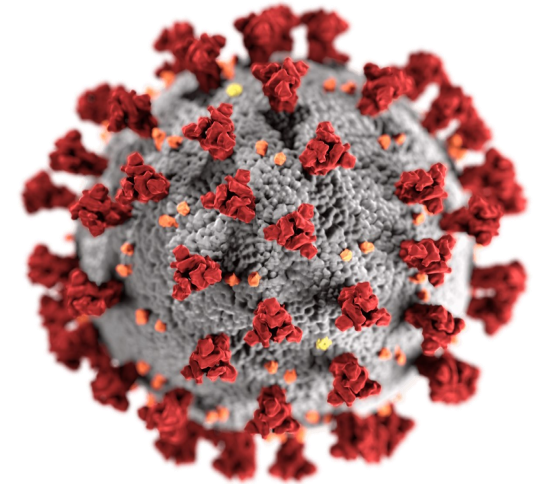
WA Attorney General's Office

<https://www.atg.wa.gov/file-complaint>

1.800.551.4636

INSURANCE SCAMS

- **False cancellation Notifications**
 - Uses fear to manipulate victims into giving personal information
- **Fake COVID specific insurance**
 - Robo calls, internet advertisements for covid specific insurance
 - Some "insurance companies" have been marketing policies as "Trumpcare"
- **Fake Travel Insurance**
 - Few, if any policies cover pandemics



INFO ON THE MOST COMMON COVID-19 RELATED SCAMS



Emotional Scams

- **Grandparent scams**
 - “Grandma, I am sick in the hospital and need money”
 - Uses fear and urgency to manipulate someone to send money
- **Help victims or families**
 - that have been “devastated” by Covid 19
- **Psychological Tactics**
 - Uses a friendly voice
 - Official Sounding Voice
 - Uses scare tactics
 - Pressure tactics
 - Uses Official Sources fraudulently

Financial Scams

- **Impact Checks**
 - Be aware of people of who tell you they can speed up your check
- **Sells of high demand supplies**
 - Price gouging
 - Limited supplies ploy
- **Undelivered Goods**
 - purchase online and then they are never delivered
- **Fake IRS info request**
 - They call you and request personal information to fix a mistake, claim you owe tax money, claim they can get you a bigger return, that they can provide additional deductions

Health Care Scams

- **Treatment /Cures**
 - Do not invest money into treatments or cures
 - Do not take treatments or cures
 - when a vaccine is available your doctor will know
- **Fraudulent Medical Supplies**
 - Check your sources even if you purchases from a website such as Amazon. Research the seller online. Pay by credit card.
- **Home Testing Supplies/ Antibody Tests**
 - The kits are designed to gain as much information about you as possible and do not provide accurate results
 - Be aware of people calling you informing you the govt is requiring it, see advertisements on social media or that you could make money for it
- **Medicare scams**
 - They attempt to get your number or money