



# Scams on the Rise

Every day, scamsters come up with new, savvier ways to steal your money and your identity.

Here are some of the latest to be aware of:

- 1 Fake calendar invites** - Phony invites from hacked accounts steal your info
- 2 Brushing scams** - Unsolicited packages used to post fake reviews in your name
- 3 Unpaid toll texts** - Bogus alerts leading to fake payment pages
- 4 Deepfake scams** - Manipulated audios, photos, or videos impersonating others
- 5 Fake tech support** - Pop-ups claiming you must call a number to eliminate a computer virus
- 6 Package delivery alerts** - Fake USPS/UPS/FedEx texts with tracking links
- 7 Bank fraud warnings** - Urgent texts or calls claiming suspicious activity
- 8 Zelle/Venmo reversal scams** - Phony requests to trick you into sending money to fraudsters
- 9 QR code scams** - Malicious codes placed on parking meters, menus, or flyers
- 10 Fake rentals/homes for sale** - Fraudsters use hijacked listings or stolen documentation to scam unsuspecting renters or buyers



**PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS**

- Stop, pause and question
- Don't click on unknown links or QR codes
- Verify with a trusted source
- Use strong passwords and multi-factor authentication (MFA)
- Don't share passwords or other sensitive information

I hope you find this information helpful. If you need a referral to any type of professional, let me know and I'll connect you to one. Oh, by the way...I'm never too busy for you or any of your referrals!