

Take These Security Actions

- **Place a Credit Freeze/Lock your credit with Equifax, Experian, or TransUnion**
 - Prevents new accounts from being opened in your name
- **Set Up Fraud Alerts**
 - Get notified if someone attempts to use your identity
- **Check Your Credit Reports Weekly**
 - Visit AnnualCreditReport.com for free reports
- **Report Fraud Immediately**
 - IdentityTheft.gov
 - ReportFraud.ftc.gov

Here's what to do if you've been scammed.

If you've lost money or gave personal information, **please contact us.**
740-833-2800



1776 State Route 521, Delaware, OH 43015



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Emergencies
9-1-1



See Something — Say
Something!/House Check
740-833-2800



Anonymous Drug Tip Line
740-833-2790



Crime Tip Line
(not a replacement for 9-1-1)
740-833-2830

Stay Informed. Stay Safe.

Follow us for scam alerts & safety tips.



DELAWARE COUNTY

Sheriff's Office

The 5 P's of Scams

1. **PRETEND:** Scammers pretend to be from an organization you know — like Medicare.
 2. **PROMISE:** They promise affection, prizes, a “get out of jail free” card, or great investment tips.
 3. **PROBLEM:** They will present a problem — stating you’re in trouble, you owe money, there’s a family emergency, etc.
 4. **PRESSURE:** They will pressure you into acting immediately, before you have time to think or contact a friend or family member.
 5. **PAY:** They want you to pay for services in a specific way, like gift cards, money transfer, or cryptocurrency.
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**If you feel pressured.
Stop. Hang Up.
Call Someone you trust.**

**The Sheriff's Office
will NEVER call you
to collect money or
say you have a
warrant from a
missed court date.**

Examples of Scams

- Phishing: Fake emails or texts asking for personal info.
- Grandparent Scams: “I’m in trouble, send money now.”
- Warrant / IRS Scams: Threats of arrest unless you pay immediately.
- Tech Support Scams: Pop-ups or calls claiming your computer is infected.
- Lottery / Romance / Medicare Scams: Promises or relationships used to gain trust and money.
- Cryptocurrency Scams: Directed to Bitcoin ATMs, told to stay on the phone, or keep it secret.

SCAM ALERT



5 Signs It's A Scam

1. Strange phone number or email that you aren't expecting.
2. Asks you to log in to an account.
3. Odd grammar.
4. Asks you to open a link or states your manager would like you to complete a task online.
5. Uses scare tactics like a fine or issuing a warrant.