



# 8 Tips to Avoid COVID-19 Scams



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## 1 Hang Up Robocalls



Do not press any numbers. Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls, instead.





## Ignore Online Offers for Vaccinations and Home Test Kits



Scammers are trying to get you to buy products that are not proven to treat or prevent the Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) — online or in stores. At this time, there also are no FDA-authorized home test kits for the Coronavirus. Visit the FDA to learn more.





### 3 Fact Check Information



Scammers, and sometimes well-meaning people, share information that hasn't been verified.

Before you pass on any messages, contact trusted sources.

Visit What the U.S. Government is Doing for links to federal, state, and local government agencies.





## 4 Know Who You Are Buying From



Online sellers may claim to have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies when, in fact, they do not.



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## Do Not Respond to Texts and Emails About Checks from the Government



The details are still being worked out. Anyone who tells you they can get you the money now is a scammer.





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## Do No Click on Links from Sources You Do Not Know



They could download viruses onto your computer or device.



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**7 Watch for Emails Claiming to be from the CDC or Other Experts**



For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO).



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## Do Your Homework When it Comes to Donations



Whether through charities  
or crowdfunding sites,  
do not let anyone rush you  
into making a donation.  
If someone wants donations  
in cash, by gift card, or by wiring money,  
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