

WHAT TO DO IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A



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STOP ALL CONTACT



- Do not respond to the scammer again – no calls, texts, or emails.
- Block their number or email address if possible.

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GATHER INFORMATION



- Write down exactly what happened:
 - What was said or sent to you?
 - What information or money did you provide?
- Save emails, screenshots, receipts, messages, or any communication.

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CONTACT YOUR BANK OR CREDIT CARD COMPANY



- Immediately report unauthorized charges or transfers.
- Ask your bank to:
 - Freeze or close compromised accounts.
 - Reverse transactions if possible.
 - Issue new cards or account numbers.

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REPORT THE SCAM TO THE AUTHORITIES



Ohio Attorney General's Office

- Call: 1-800-282-0515
- File a complaint: www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

- Report: www.ReportFraud.FTC.gov

Ohio Adult Protective Services (For Seniors)

- Report elder exploitation: 1-855-OHIO-APS (644-6277)

Your Local Police Department

- File a police report, especially if money was stolen.

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MONITOR YOUR ACCOUNTS



- Check your bank, credit card, and credit report frequently.
- Look for:
 - Unusual transactions
 - New accounts or loans opened in your name
- You're entitled to one free credit report per year from each bureau:
 - Visit www.annualcreditreport.com

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TALK TO SOMEONE YOU TRUST



- Tell a trusted family member, friend, or banker what happened.
- Scammers rely on secrecy. You're not alone — millions are targeted each year.

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EDUCATE AND PROTECT YOURSELF



- Learn about current scams at:
 - <https://consumer.ftc.gov/scams>
 - <https://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>
- Consider signing up for scam alerts or fraud protection services through your bank or credit union.

