

# Could It Be A Scam?

## Know the Warning Signs



Consumers lose millions of dollars each year to scammers who may appear friendly, helpful, or trustworthy — but are actually trying to steal your money or personal information.

Ask yourself these questions if someone contacts you unexpectedly:

### Have you been contacted by someone who...

- Claims to be from law enforcement or a regulatory agency asking you to withdraw money for an investigation?
- Is a stranger or someone overseas asking you to send or withdraw money?
- Befriended you online or by phone and is now asking for money or valuables?
- Claims you owe money for repairs, inspections, or code violations?
- Says they found money and asks for a “good faith” payment first?
- Claims you are responsible for a deceased spouse’s debt or purchase?
- Asks you to send money to claim a prize, lottery, or larger payment?
- Claims money was transferred to your account by mistake and asks you to send it back?
- Asks for access to your online banking, passwords, or computer?

### Are you being pressured to...

- Give money to someone — even a friend or family member?
- Purchase large amounts of gift cards and provide the card numbers?
- Transfer ownership of your home, property, or other assets?
- Add someone as a joint account holder?
- Give someone power of attorney?

*If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, you may be dealing with a scam.*

Speak with a bank representative immediately before sending money, sharing information, or making financial changes.