



Crime Alert Bulletin

SCAMS and FRAUDS

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Unfortunately, on-line scams and frauds continue to inundate our e-mail in boxes and our cellular text messaging. In order to avoid being a victim, always exercise due caution before acting and look to helpful resources for guidance with a suspicious e-mail or text message.

Recent scams and frauds have included “work remote job opportunities” for students, hyperlinks to resolve problems with your tax refund processing, hyperlinks to your on-line statement, and links to alleged “Approved Grants” to name just a few.

Always remember to be alert to suspicious e-mails and text messages-

1. Messages can sometimes look authentic and be convincing
2. Never share a user name or password
3. Never share financial or credit card information
4. Never activate hyperlinks or attachments
5. If the advertisement is *too good to be true*, then it most likely is, always be alert

To assist you, the UPD website contains a number of helpful information resources.

Suspected Scams and Frauds

Recently received suspicious e-mails will be posted on this webpage along with helpful guidance.

<https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/reports/suspected-scams-and-frauds.aspx>

Guide to Fraud Scams

An informative and helpful guide for students.

<https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/safety-and-preparedness/fraud-scams.aspx>

Identity Theft Information

What to do if you believe that you are the victim of Identity Theft.

<https://www.stpetersburg.usf.edu/police/safety-and-preparedness/identity-theft.aspx>

For additional information or to report a scam or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission contact

<https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/>.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please contact the University Police at 727-873-4444 or stp-police@usf.edu.

SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING.

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