Coronavirus Scams & Fraud Alert - 2020

Don’t Get Scammed!!!

BE AWARE!!!!

Do not give out any personal information to people you do not know like your social security number, Medi-CAL number or Medicare number to someone you do not know or to someone who has called, emailed or texted you.

HANG UP OR DON’T ANSWER!

Some people are calling pretending to be regional center employees. They may say they are your service coordinators and ask you for your bank information or to send them money. Do not give them any information! It is important to know that regional center employees will never ask for credit card or bank information over the phone. If someone says they are from regional center and asks for this information you can HANG UP AND CALL YOUR SERVICE COORDINATOR! Your service coordinator can tell you if they or someone else from the regional centers actually called you.
Do not open your door to anyone you do not know!
There are people going door to door saying they have Coronavirus testing supplies or treatments. Some have official looking Identification Cards.
DO NOT FALL FOR IT!

If you get email that offers Coronavirus information or testing services that looks to be official. It is easy to make email address appear to come from someone else.
DO NOT REPLY, OPEN ATTACHMENTS OR CLICK ANY LINKS

Follow the instructions of your state and local government for other actions you should be taking in response to Coronavirus by visiting their websites.
STAY INFORMED!

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) already has your contact information from your tax return. It will take time for stimulus checks to arrive. The federal government always contacts people using the postal service, not the phone, email or text message.
DON’T SHARE YOUR INFORMATION!
Not sure if it is a scam or fraud?? Contact someone you trust to talk about it!

**BE SMART!**

**HELP STOP A SCAM:** Please report any scams by contacting the National Center for Disaster Fraud at 1-866-720-5721 or by email at disaster@leo.gov. For more information on COVID-19 scams, please visit the [Federal Trade Commission’s webpage on COVID-19 Scam](https://www.consumer.ftc.gov), the [Federal Emergency Management Agency’s COVID-19 Rumor webpage](https://www.fema.gov), the [Federal Government's Central Coronavirus website](https://www.cdc.gov), or [California’s Coronavirus Information Hub](https://www.covid19.ca.gov/). For help or more information- call the Self Advocacy Council 6 at 209-955-3306 or SCDD North Valley Hills (209) 473-6930.