

IS THIS JOB OFFER LEGIT? HOW TO SPOT FRAUD

Watch out for these red flags...



You're promised you can "work from home & generate your own income", "be your own boss", or "set your own schedule"



You're asked to reship products or sell products to people you know



You're contacted by a stranger offering a job opportunity (via phone, email, or online ad)



You're asked to pay something to get a job (like a fee to apply, get "certified", or to pay for insurance in advance)

What can I do if I've been the victim of fraud?

→ **Contact the company** you used to send the money and let them know it is fraud (debit or credit card company, bank or wire transfer, or Venmo, Zelle, PayPal etc).

→ **Contact your bank** and tell them it was fraudulent.

→ **Ask** to have the fraudulent transaction(s) reversed.

→ **Report** the fraud to the FTC or the Attorney General's office.

What can I do to avoid this kind of fraud?

- **Delete** unsolicited job offers that arrive in your email inbox.
- **Don't click** on any links sent in emails.
- **Research** and make sure a company is legitimate before you submit to a credit check. You can check out an employer on websites like the Better Business Bureau.
- **Never give away** your bank account or checking account number to potential employers.
- **Stay away** from companies that require you to pay upfront "fees" to work.

More resources

- Report fraudulent employers to the **Federal Trade Commission**.
- Report fraudulent activity to the **Washington State Department of Financial Institutions**.
- Research potential employers on the **Better Business Bureau** website.
- Contact the **Washington Attorney General's Office** by clicking here or by calling 1-800-551-4636 (WA only) or 1-206-464-6684.

Have questions? Need help? Get in touch.

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