

A **SCAM** ALERTS INITIATIVE

Attorney General Andy Beshear and the **United States Postal Inspection Service** want to prevent you and your family from falling victim to con artists.

Help stamp out mail scams that could be hiding inside your mailbox by learning how to spot common scam tactics and reporting scams to the Office of the Attorney General.



STOP AND TOSS IT IF...

...asked to provide personal and financial information.

If an unverified, untrusted person or organization asks for your Social Security number or banking and credit card information, it is likely a scam.

...it sounds too good to be true.

Make no mistake: if you receive a letter saying you won a vacation drawing or lottery you never entered, or have been hired for a job you never applied for; it is probably too good to be true and it is likely a mail scam.

...you have to send upfront fees.

If a letter requests upfront payment in order to start a job, obtain a loan or to collect a prize, it is likely a mail scam.

...you are asked to pay or send money via wire transfer, gift cards or cash.

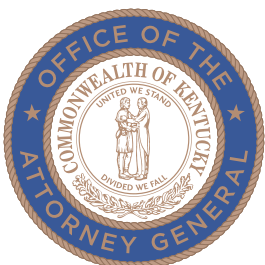
If a letter requests payment via hard-to-trace methods like wire transfer or reloadable gift cards, it is probably a scam. If you are asked to deposit unfamiliar checks or cash and wire transfer the money to another bank account, or send cash to another mailing address, it is likely a mail scam.

...you are scared or pressured to act.

If a letter demands you send money quickly to avoid legal action or before conducting your own research through trusted resources like the Better Business Bureau or an official government agency, it is likely a mail scam.

Report scams to the **Office of the Attorney General** toll-free at **1-888-432-9257** or file a complaint online at ag.ky.gov.

To file a complaint with the **United States Postal Inspection Service**, call toll-free **1-800-ASK-USPS (1-800-275-8777)** or you can file a complaint online by visiting <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/contactUs/filecomplaint.aspx>.



Protecting Kentucky families, especially seniors, from scams is a top priority for Attorney General Andy Beshear.

*To help Kentuckians stay ahead of scammers, Beshear issues Scam Alerts when new and trending scams are reported by Kentuckians. Sign up to receive alerts by texting the words **KYOAG Scam** to **GOV311 (468-311)**, or visit <https://ag.ky.gov/scams> to sign up with your mobile phone number or email address.*

