

Beware of scammers!



**Know the facts.
Follow safety tips.**

If you've been the victim of a scam or suspect you've been scammed, contact:

USC Department of Public Safety (DPS) (213) 740-6000

Know the Facts

IRS or other government agencies will never:

- Ask for money over the phone or online
- Request or accept payments in the form of gift cards or Bitcoin

Law enforcement agencies will never:

- Request payment of citations, warrants, etc., via the phone

Safety Tips

- **Never provide your credit card information or your Social Security number over the phone or online to someone you don't know**
- **If you visit a website that asks for your Social Security number, don't provide it**
- **If you receive an email from a stranger or company asking you to click on a hyperlink and/ or open an attachment and enter your financial information, delete the email**
- **Do not respond to friend requests from strangers**
- **Hang up on telemarketers**

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