

# HOW TO SPOT A SCAM

They say you need to pay a fee or debt by purchasing a gift card.

They ask for **remote access** to your computer or phone.

They might say you'll be arrested or deported if you don't pay taxes or other debt right away.

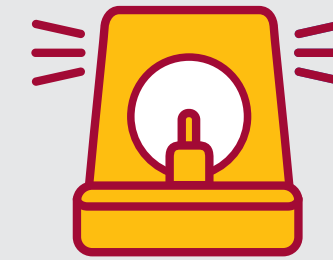
They may come in the form of text or email.



Unsure it's a scam?  
**JUST HANG UP.**



USC students have reported being victims of these scams with a combined total loss of approximately \$540,000 in one week! Don't become the victim of a scam!



Scammers may claim you have violated the law, your immigration status, or owe taxes and must transfer money through Western Union (or other companies) or purchase gift cards to rectify the false allegation.



Never provide personal information or money to anyone who has contacted you by phone, email, or social media.



Before you give any information or send a payment **HANG UP** and contact DPS.

If you're a victim of a scam, contact DPS at (213) 740-6000 AND please fill out the Complaint Referral Form - Internet Crime Complaint Center. This includes all IRS, Immigration Scams, Social Security and money wires scams, etc.  
SAVE THE LINK: <https://complaint.ic3.gov>