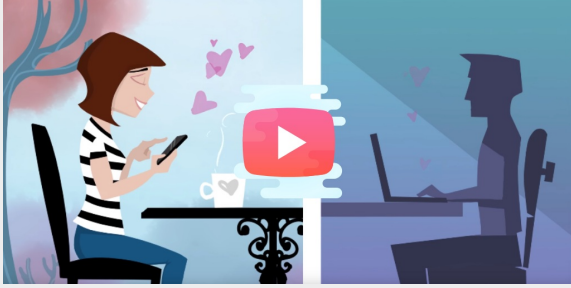


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Consumer Fraud Bulletin

Sweetheart Scams Cause More Than Heartache



People looking for romance are hoping to be swept off their feet, not caught up in a scam. Romance scammers lure people with phony online profiles, often lifting photos from the web to create attractive and convincing personas.

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The FTC warns of Tax Identity Theft

Tax season is fraud season! The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) warns consumers of Tax Identity Theft. It happens when someone uses your Social Security number (SSN) to file a phony tax return and collect your refund. You may not find out it has happened until you try to file your REAL tax return and the IRS rejects it as a duplicate filing.



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Other Common February Scams



IRS Imposters

Here's what happens: You get a call from a scammer pretending to be with the IRS, saying you'll be arrested if you don't pay taxes you owe right now.



Sweepstakes Scams

Winners are losers in lottery & sweepstakes scams. Here's one way to think about it: if you have to pay to collect winnings, it's not a prize.



Phishing

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. Don't take the bait.

Take time to report fraud or suspicious activity

Every report we receive gives us insights into problems that people are experiencing in the marketplace and helps us to identify and prioritize problems for potential action. The result: better outcomes for consumers, businesses, and a better marketplace for Coloradans.

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