

Blackmail scams

Are on the rise in Colorado

If you get a letter or email from someone threatening to reveal your internet habits or personal photos, it's probably fake



The attorney general's office has seen a rise in scams attempting to trick victims into believing their phone or computer has been hacked. The scammers claim to have internet search history or compromising photos/videos and threaten to reveal potentially embarrassing information to friends and family unless the victim sends money to the scammer's bitcoin wallet.



Coloradans have reported that these letters and emails contain their name, email address, phone number, and mailing address. Some of the scam letters also contain images of the victim's home. Much of this information is publicly available, but scammers use it to make victims feel afraid and act without thinking.



These scam letters and emails may be more alarming than other scams, but they should be treated the same. Anyone who threatens you and demands money is trying to scam you and should be ignored. You should also report it to local law enforcement and the attorney general's office.

If you've been the victim of any scam or fraud, file a complaint with the attorney general at stopfraudcolorado.gov

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