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## TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

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- If it sounds too good to be true, it usually is.
- You shouldn't have to pay money to get money. If someone says you've won a prize, you shouldn't have to pay to get your prize.
- Never give your personal information, credit card number, Medicare number, or bank account number over the telephone to someone you do not know.
- Government agencies will not call you if you owe money. You will get a letter first.
- Never send money by money order or by wiring it. It is not traceable and is like giving cash.

- Don't believe your caller ID. Scammers can make a phone number look like it's local. If you don't recognize the number, don't answer the call.
- If you answer and hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up immediately. It is illegal for a company to call you with a prerecorded message unless you have given them permission. If the call itself is illegal, you can bet it's a scam.
- Talk to a friend or family member if you're not sure. Scammers want you to make quick decisions. If you slow down the scam, you are less likely to become a victim.