

Fraud Aware Boundaries

Investment Advising:

We do not provide investment recommendations or opinions.

Legal Counseling:

We do not provide legal advice or interpretations of the law.

Financial Management:

We do not invest, hold, or manage money for others.

Tax Services:

We do not offer tax advice or preparation services.

Formal Investigations:

We do not conduct formal investigations into suspected fraud.

Crisis Intervention:

We do not take control of active fraud situations; our role is to refer you to proper resources.

Important Note:

All information shared by community members is kept strictly confidential. Any representative who willfully participates in these prohibited activities will be disassociated from Fraud AWARE.

Fraud Aware was formed by a group of concerned Amish and Mennonite brethren who observed the consequences of many different types of fraud in our communities. Many people have been negatively affected financially, emotionally, and spiritually.

Fraud AWARE's goal is to EDUCATE our communities on IDENTIFYING and PREVENTING fraud, thereby reducing its impact and enhancing our testimony in the world. We invite your suggestions on effective ways to work together to reduce fraud... to be Fraud AWARE.

Note: there is no charge for most of the fraud booklets and literature we are offering. To those who are interested in helping with printing, mailing and other costs,

contributions can be sent to:

Fraud Aware
P.O. Box 34, Ephrata, PA 17522
P.O. Box 574, Goshen, IN 46528
P.O. Box 25, Kidron, OH 44636

DISCLAIMER

This brochure is for informational purposes only and does not constitute professional advice. Consult with qualified professionals for advice tailored to your specific circumstances.

To listen to educational Fraud AWARE stories...



...call the **Fraud AWARE Listen Library**

(717) 562-0872

Listener Controls

Follow the prompts for story selection.

- 4 Rewind
- 5 Pause
- 6 Forward
- 0 Main Menu

Contact Information

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Identification Education Prevention



SCAMS & FRAUD



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Gift Card & Bank Scams

Gift Card Tips:

- **Gifts are for GIFTS, NEVER Payments:** Legitimate businesses and government agencies will never ask for payment via gift cards.
- **Inspect the card:** If tampered with, DON'T buy it.
- **Guard the Code:** Treat the gift card number and PIN like cash.
- **Online Caution:** Be skeptical of online gift card offers

Protecting Your Bank Accounts:

- **Beware of Strangers:** Be wary of unexpected calls, emails, or texts asking for your banking information.
- **Unusual DEMAND:** Go to your bank and verify before responding. They are trained to help.
- **Stay Alert:** Regularly monitor your accounts for any suspicious activity.



Identity Theft Scams

- **Guard Personal Info:** Share sensitive data cautiously and only when necessary.
- **Online Security:** Use strong passwords & 2-Step Verification.
- **Phishing:** Beware of suspicious emails, texts, or calls asking for personal info.
- **Monitor Accounts:** Regularly review bank and credit card statements for unauthorized activity.
- **Shred Documents:** Shred sensitive documents.
- **Secure Your Mail:** opt out of pre-approved credit offers.
- **Check Credit Reports:** Review your reports annually.
- **USPS Informed Delivery:** Sign up for free and know what to expect in the mail each day. www.usps.com



Phone & Computer Scams

Phone Scams:

- **Don't know the number:** Then DON'T answer!
- **Urgent call:** When someone says you must stay on the phone with them, or you may not talk to anyone, Hang Up, it's a scam!
- **Keep your info private:** Don't share unless you made the call.
- **Caller ID can be faked:** Be careful who you trust.

Computer Scams:

- **Password/passphrase:** Use long unique password/passphrase for each account.
- **Update Software:** Keep your system & security software current.
- **Phishing:** Beware of requests for personal info and verify suspicious links/attachments.
- **Public Wi-Fi Warning:** the network may be unsafe.



Overpayment Scams

- **Price is the Price:** Never accept more than your asking price, no matter the excuse.
- **Verify Funds First:** Don't ship goods or refund "overpayments" until the check clears.
- **No Refunds:** Never send the extra funds back, or give it to a pickup or any other person.
- **Be Wary of Stories:** Excuses like "covering shipping for an agent."
- **Trust Your Instinct:** If something feels off, walk away.

Counterfeit Postage Stamp

- **Buy from Reliable Sources:** Purchase stamps only from the USPS (post office, usps.com) or authorized retailers.
- **Beware of Discounts:** Significantly discounted stamps are a major red flag. If the price seems too good to be true, it probably is.