



# ScamAware

Awareness Through Information Sharing

### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Email from FTC Chair Lina Khan about Coronavirus money is fake
- BBB Scam Alert: This Pet Sitting Job Is Too Good To Be True
- Multi-Layered Microsoft Scam
- Scammers Target Cash-Strapped Renters
- Recent Scams Article: Bluffing Blackmail
- Think stem cell therapy can treat your ailments? It may pay to think twice
- PSA: FBI Warns of a Grandparent Fraud Scheme Using Couriers

## TOOLS AND RESOURCES



Resource | CISA

### Hurricane-Related Scams

CISA warns users to remain on alert for malicious cyber activity targeting potential disaster victims and charitable donors following a hurricane. Fraudulent emails—often containing malicious links or attachments—are common after major natural disasters. Exercise caution in handling emails with hurricane-related subject lines, attachments, or hyperlinks. In addition, be wary of social media pleas, texts, or door-to-door solicitations relating to severe weather events.

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Resource | itgovernanceusa.com

### How to Protect Yourself From Online Fraud

Every year, millions of people fall victim to cyber crime. In fact, according to the FTC (Federal Trade Commission) [Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2020](#), of 4.7 million complaints received that year, 2.2 million were fraud-related. This resulted in a \$3.3 billion loss – an increase of nearly \$1.5 billion from 2019. It can be hard to detect online fraud as scammers are constantly changing their tactics and techniques. However, there are some simple steps you can take to protect yourself.

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