



ScamAware

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Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Virginia Receives Federal Approval to Replace SNAP Benefits for Fraud Victims
- AARP Virginia Fraud Alert: Timeshare Exit Scams
- Experts Warn Virginia Travelers Against Hotel Phone Scams
- Joining Forces to Help Stop Scam Calls
- The Best Way to Protect Your Information From Scammers? Recognize a Phishing Scam
- Be Mindful of Security Quiz Scams
- Have a Disability? What to Know About Medicaid and Scams
- Cryptocurrency Deposits With No Returns
- Virginia Realtors Warns of Scammers Selling Properties They Don't Own
- Fraud and Scam Losses Up in Virginia, U.S.
- Scams Targeting Virginia Tech Community Trigger Police Investigations
- Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia Sue Company Over Billions of Robocalls
- Virginia Woman Terrified by 'Gruesome,' Threatening Scam Text Messages
- Arlington Police Share Information About Commonly Reported Scams

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Gift Card Scams, How To Identify And Tips To Avoid Falling Victim

Gift cards are for **gifts**, not for payments. As soon as someone tells you to pay them with a gift card, that's a scam. Gift cards are popular with scammers because they're easy for people to find and buy. They also have fewer protections for buyers compared to some other payment options. They're more like cash: once you use a gift card, the money on it is gone.

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Elder Scams and Senior Fraud Abuse

Scams and fraud can have an obvious effect on finances. You might lose money you were saving for retirement, planning to pass down to family members, or using for daily needs like paying bills or grocery purchases. Those financial losses can reduce your sense of well-being and lead to issues such as insomnia, loss of appetite, depression, anxiety, and relationship difficulties.

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