

# **ScamAware**

### **Awareness Through Information Sharing**

#### Incidents/Articles of Note:

- Beware Of Virginia Zoo Facebook Scam (VA)
- Virginia Tech Notifying Students Of Scams (VA)
- Richmond Resident Sentenced For "Money Mule" Role In \$500K Wire Fraud Scheme (VA)
- Dominion Energy Warns Customers Of Scam Artists Posing As Employees, Knocking On Doors (VA)
- Scammer Posing As Uber Driver Charged After Targeting Multiple Victims Through Cash Apps (NY)
- A Woman Scammed Investors Out Of \$4 Billion, The FBI Says. Then She Boarded A Plane And Disappeared.
- Fraud And Scams Cost Consumers A Record \$10 Billion In 2023, According To FTC
- The Five Scams You've Never Heard Of... But Could Get Caught Out By In 2024
- Real Estate Fraud Risk Is On The Rise, And Victims Are Sounding The Alarm

### - Tools and Resources -





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## Scam Prevention - Fake Website Scams

Scams involving phony websites and fake online businesses are prevalent. It is easy to create a website from anywhere in the world. Scammers can add a few fake "positive reviews" and a fake street address – or even copy the actual street address of an unsuspecting business – and then sit back and wait for the money to roll in. The unsuspecting consumer believes the website and address is a "real" business and submits an online payment or wire transfer.

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Press Release | Federal Trade Commission

# Proposed COPPA Rule Changes Open For Comment

The Federal Trade Commission has proposed changes to the Children's Online Privacy Protection Rule that would place new restrictions on the use of children's personal information. You can learn more about the current rule and make any comments regarding the proposed changes until March 11, 2024.

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