

FBI warns cyber-criminals may exploit COVID-19 concerns

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The FBI is reminding the American public to continue exercising smart cyber hygiene in this uncertain time. Be aware that cyber criminals may exploit concerns surrounding COVID-19 to perpetuate scams designed to steal your money. By remembering these four tips, you can protect yourself and help stop this criminal activity:

- (1) do not open attachments or click links within emails from senders you don't recognize;
- (2) always verify the information being shared originates from a legitimate source;
- (3) do not provide your logins, financial data or other personal information in response to an email; and
- (4) visit websites by manually inputting their domains to your browser.

If you believe you are the victim of an internet scam or want to report suspicious activity, please visit the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at www.ic3.gov

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For more information about the rise in fraud schemes related to COVID-19, go to: <https://www.ic3.gov/media/2020/200320.aspx>