

## 7 Questions That Could Save You Thousands

Fraudsters are getting smarter, but so can you.

Before you respond, click, or share personal info, ask yourself these questions. If you answer “yes” to even one, stop and think... it could be a scam!



**1. AM I BEING ASKED TO SEND MONEY, SHARE ACCOUNT NUMBERS, LOGIN CREDENTIALS, PASSCODES, OR VERIFY A PAYMENT OR WIRE?**

Even if a real employee name is used or the caller ID looks legitimate, especially when I've never met them in person.



**2. DID THE MESSAGE COME "OUT OF THE BLUE"?**

Unexpected calls, emails, text messages, social media requests, or pop-ups – even if they claim to be from a known company that I do business with.



**3. AM I BEING ASKED TO SEND OR RECEIVE PAYMENT IN A SPECIFIC WAY?**

Such as gift cards, opening a new bank account, cryptocurrency or bitcoin, through apps like CashApp, Venmo, Zelle, PayPal, or another method that is hard to trace, or being directed to a fake website.



**4. IS SOMEONE ASKING ME TO KEEP IT A SECRET OR INSTRUCTING ME ON EXACTLY WHAT TO SAY?**

Like having me tell the bank it's to buy a car, a gift for a family member, house repairs, etc. or don't tell my spouse.



**5. AM I BEING PRESSURED TO ACT QUICKLY OR THREATENED IF I DON'T SEND THE MONEY?**

Urgency is a classic scam tactic like saying you owe the IRS back taxes, they'll freeze your bank accounts if you don't pay, your computer has a virus, there's a warrant out for your arrest, or law enforcement will be at your door.



**6. IS SOMEONE ASKING TO REMOTE INTO MY COMPUTER OR LOGIN?**

Scammers will often request to login to your banking, shopping, or investment accounts while on the phone or screen sharing. Or, urge you to sign into payroll or online banking systems right away to prevent fraud.



**7. DO I FEEL UNEASY OR SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THIS?**

Trust your gut, it's usually right. Contact your bank or a trusted friend for help.