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SCAM ALERT

What it is: Job Scams

How it works:

Scammers offer full-time or temporary remote jobs promising you could earn hundreds of dollars per week. Once you accept the job, they will ask for personal information like your social security number and bank information to “deposit your earnings.”

How to protect yourself:

Do not respond or engage with messages from unknown numbers. Block, ignore, and avoid engaging with these scammers. Research any job, company or recruiter before accepting a position to make sure it is legitimate.

Everything you need to know about staying safe this Halloween.

- Wear flame-resistant costumes made of fabrics like polyester or nylon.
- Even if your costume is made of a flame-resistant fabric, be cautious around open flames.
- Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape to increase visibility and carry a flashlight or glowsticks while trick-or-treating.
- Make sure masks fit securely, provide adequate ventilation, and have eye holes large enough to allow full vision. Ideally, wear makeup and hats instead.
- Test costume makeup at least two days in advance, on an arm, not a face, and if a rash, redness, swelling, or other signs of irritation develop, don't use it.
- Don't eat candy until it has been inspected at home.
- Check labels for food allergens.
- Tell children not to accept – or eat – anything that isn't commercially wrapped. Only hand out commercially wrapped, pre-packaged candies.
- Throw away anything that looks suspicious, or that has been accidentally opened or the seal was broken when you received it.
- Keep all perishable foods chilled until serving time. Don't eat snacks that have been sitting out at a party for an extended period.
- Be cautious when decorating not to create any obstacles or hazards that could trip people up.



SPEAKING REQUESTS

Want DCP to speak to your organization, or table at your event? Contact Catherine Blinder at Catherine.Blinder@ct.gov to submit a request.

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REGISTER NOW FOR THE ANNUAL CROSS-CULTURAL COMMUNICATIONS SYMPOSIUM ON OCTOBER 25

The Future is Now: AI in Public Policy and Public Good is the theme for DCP's 8th annual Cross-Cultural Communication Symposium. The 2024 Symposium will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on October 25, 2024 at the Connecticut Convention Center located at 200 Columbus Boulevard in Hartford, Connecticut. Register now at: portal.ct.gov/DCP/Symposium.

It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month. Have you changed your passwords?

Now is a good time to make sure your online world is protected. Here are some easy things you can do to keep your information safe:

1. **Recognize and report phishing:** Recognize phishing emails by their use of alarming language or offers that are too good to be true. Do not click or engage with phishing attempts. Report the phish and delete the messages.
2. **Use strong passwords:** Make passwords at least 16 characters long, random and unique for each account. Use a password manager that maintains, creates and stores strong passwords, and warns you if any are compromised.
3. **Turn on Multifactor Authentication (MFA):** Use MFA on any site that offers it. MFA provides an extra layer of security when logging into accounts and apps, like a face scan or a code sent by text.
4. **Update software:** When devices, apps or software programs notify us that updates are available, we should install them as soon as possible. Updates close security code bugs to better protect our data. Turn on automatic updates to make it even easier.

Have a tip we missed? A topic you want more information about? Send us an email at

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