



# Lottery Scams

- Lottery scammers play on your excitement of winning BIG.
- They may call, text, email, or send you a letter saying you've won the lottery, or a prize!
- *Even though they claim you have won*, scammers try to persuade you to send them money.
- Watch out for these telltale signs of lottery scams:
  - They send you a check and ask you to send some of it back.
  - You're required to provide your financial information.
  - You won a lottery you didn't even enter.
  - The offer claims you owe taxes, administrative fees, or other charges on your winnings.
- Protect yourself! Don't respond.
- **Remember**... never rush into making financial decisions or payments.
- If you or someone you know has been targeted, tell your bank, and law enforcement and report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

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