Employment Scams: What To Look For & How To Avoid Them

THE EMPLOYER
- Claims they found your resume on a job search site like Indeed or Monster
- Business name is not easily identifiable
- Pretends to be legitimate, but advertises unrelated jobs
- Email address does not point to a business website
- May be a phishing scam to get your account information

THE JOB
- Job responsibilities are vague
- Grammatical errors in the job description
- Employer does not want to meet face-to-face

THE PAY
- Job is advertised as high paying, no experience required, work your own hours, or work at home
- Employer offers to send a check for you to deposit in your account
HOW DO YOU AVOID THESE SCAMS?

- Do not provide money upfront
- Do not accept payment for services you have not provided
- Never provide personal information like credit card number, bank account, or drivers license
- Be cautious of personal email addresses that are not associated with a business
- Watch for emails that lack proper verb usage and grammar
- Conduct your own research about the employer using the given information

ARE YOU A VICTIM?

You can report fraud through:

- Employer Relations at Career and Professional Development: 540.231.6776
- Federal Trade Commission: https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1
- Police Report: 540.231.6411

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