

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 Bureau of Investigation: <https://www.ic3.gov/default.aspx>
- Federal Trade Commission:
<https://www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/#crnt&panel1-1>
- Better Business Bureau: <https://www.bbb.org/consumer-complaints/file-a-complaint/get-started>
- Police Report: 540.231.6411

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