PROTECT YOURSELF
AGAINST FRAUD AND SCAMS

1 SLOW DOWN
Scammers rely on panic, urgency, and emotion. Take a moment before acting.

2 JUST HANG UP
If something feels suspicious, end the call and contact the organization directly. Be cautious searching numbers on the internet browser, those could also be a fraudulent number.

3 NEVER CLICK LINKS OR DOWNLOAD APPS/SOFTWARE
Never click links in emails or text messages. Never download apps or software at a caller's request. Always go directly to trusted websites to verify information.

4 NEVER SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION
Do not give out passwords, verification codes, banking information or Social Security Numbers. Don't let scammers scare you with public information.

5 USE CREDIT CARDS INSTEAD OF DEBIT CARDS
Credit cards often provide stronger fraud protection and are easier to dispute.

6 TURN ON BANK ALERTS & ACCOUNT ALERTS
Notification can help you catch suspicious activity quickly.

7 USE STRONG, UNIQUE PASSWORDS
Avoid reusing passwords across multiple accounts and utilize a password generator.

8 ENABLE TWO-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION
Add an extra layer of protection to email, banking, and social media accounts.

9 BE SKEPTICAL OF UNSOLICITED CALLS, TEXTS, AND EMAILS
Legitimate organizations will never pressure you to act immediately or demand payment through gift cards, barcodes, bitcoin, or cash payment apps.

10 TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS
If something feels off, suspicious, or too good to be true – it is.

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