



**BE SMART!**

# ***RESHIPPING SCAMS***

**What to know about them and how to avoid them**

## **WHAT IS IT?**

You are asked to receive mail or packages and ship them to someone else. You think it's a work-from-home job, or helping a charity, or a favor for a friend or sweetheart.

### ***SEE THE RED FLAG!***

Criminals seek your participation to smuggle illegally purchased goods out of the country. These purchases are made with stolen debit/credit cards, gift cards, and other stolen monies.

## **WHAT TO KNOW**

- They will likely provide you counterfeit postage to reship the stolen goods.
- If you deposit counterfeit checks or money orders into your personal bank account, you may be responsible for repayment.
- You may be held civilly and/or criminally responsible for your participation.

## **BE SMART!**

- **DO NOT accept packages at your address from people or companies unknown to you.**
- DO NOT entertain offers from people who want you to reship mail and/or packages.
- If you receive a package from someone you do not know, refuse the package or return the package to sender.

## **WHERE TO GET HELP**

- Tell a friend or family member.
- File a report at [uspis.gov](https://uspis.gov) or call 1-877-876-2455. Our investigation starts with your report. If you have been targeted or fallen victim to a scam, take action to help yourself and safeguard others.



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