



**BE SMART!**

# “YOU’VE WON” SCAMS

What to know about them and how to avoid them

## **WHAT IS IT?**

You receive a call, an email message, or a mailpiece notifying you that you have won money or a prize.

## **SEE THE RED FLAG!**

To claim your winnings, you have to pay taxes and various fees by sending payments via cash, money order, wire transfer, or credit/debit card.

## **WHAT TO KNOW**

- Winning is always **FREE**.
- Taxes and fees are never paid upfront.
- If you did not enter the sweepstakes or purchase a lottery ticket, you cannot win.

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- **DO NOT send any money!**
- DO NOT provide any personal or financial information.
- DO NOT engage with the scammers.

## **WHERE TO GET HELP**

- Tell a friend or family member.
- File a report at [usps.gov](https://usps.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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