



# Scam Alert

## Stimulus Checks

The federal government is seeing an increase in scams related to federal stimulus payments including phone calls, text messages and e-mails phishing for information. The messaging includes variations of language such as *"in order to receive your/your client's stimulus payment via direct deposit, we need you to confirm the banking information"* and they are gathering that information via telephone or directing victims to click on a link that takes them to a website where they enter their banking information. Here's some important things to know:

1. The government will not ask you to pay anything up front to get this money.
2. The government will not call to ask for your Social Security number, bank account, or credit card number.
3. The government will not send a 'sample' check in the mail and ask you to call to confirm your Social Security, banking, or credit card information.

## Home COVID 19 Test Kits

At this time, there are no approved home testing kits to determine if you are currently infected by COVID 19 or to determine if you have been infected in the past. Hang up on any phone callers and don't open any emails that try to sell you at-home tests.

If you spot a scam, please tell the Federal Trade Commission: [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint). The Washington State Office of the Attorney General also has [information and resources for reporting scams](#).

# Stay Home, Stay Safe!