



# COMMON SCAMS

<p><b>“Loved One Scam”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Scammers will contact you and explain that a son/daughter or grandson/granddaughter is in trouble and in jail.</li> <li>- Scammer will then ask for cash in exchange to “release” your loved one.</li> <li>- Scammer will tell you “Don’t talk to anyone about this, it’s embarrassing, I can help”.</li> <li>- Scammer will then send a courier to the address you provided to pick up the money.</li> </ul>
<p><b>“Sweetheart Swindle”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Typically occurs through dating applications but can also happen through text messages / social media.</li> <li>- Scammers use the “grooming” technique, develop a rapport with you, then go quiet for a few days. Once they message you back, they give a sad story and ask for money and/or gift cards.</li> </ul>
<p><b>“Gift Card Scam”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any phone call / request that asks you to pay by purchasing a gift card and reading the caller the numbers.</li> <li>- Gift cards are not traceable, making it a likely request for scammers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>“IRS Scam”</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Caller claims to be with the “IRS” and that you owe money in back taxes.</li> <li>- Caller states if you pay a certain amount, there will be forgiveness with your taxes.</li> </ul>
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**No Law Enforcement, Government Agency, or Credit Card will ever request Bitcoin or gift cards for ANY type of payment – These are immediate signs of a scam.**