

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

International students can be targets for criminals conducting scams online (email/social media) or by phone. This page contains information for international students to help protect you from falling victim to a criminal/scammer, and tips in case you have been scammed.



Scams

Telephone scams are very common, and can even be conducted by scammers who are outside the U.S. Scammers also target students by email or on social media. They might claim to be officials from U.S. immigration, law enforcement or taxation agencies, or representatives from government or police in your home country. They try to gain access to personal information or try to scare you into paying them money.

[Register Your Phone on the DO NOT CALL List](#)

Remember these tips:

- U.S. officials will NOT call/email you asking for money.
- U.S. officials will NOT use fear tactics to get money.
- U.S. officials will NEVER ask you to pay a debt using gift cards.
- U.S. officials will send paper notices by postal mail.
- Be wary of email employment scams or phishing messages that ask you to click on links or provide personal information.
- ISSS will contact you by email or telephone.
- Some legitimate institutions require your personal information. (Ex. banks) but they will collect this information when setting up initial accounts.





Different Types of Scams

- IRS (tax) and immigration Impersonators
- Immigration Impersonators
- Kidnapping Scam
- Police scams
- Job Scams
- Online Dating/Social Media Scams
- Apartment for Rent and Items for Sale



If You Feel You Are Being Scammed

- Report the scam to:
 - UConn Police (860) 486-4800
 - ISSS (860) 486-3855/international@uconn.edu
 - [Federal Trade Commission](#).
 - [UConn ITS](#) (email/phishing through UConn email)
- Report Identity Theft (SSN, Personal ID or Debit Card) to [Federal Trade Commission](#).
- Report the scam to the agency or company from which the scammer claims to be representing.



Scam Resources

- Federal Trade Commission Publication: [IRS Imposter Scams](#)
- Federal Trade Commission Publication: [Online Dating Scams](#)
- [SEVP Notice On Scams](#)
- USCIS: [Avoid Scams](#)
- USCIS: [Most Common Scams](#)
- U.S Immigration and Customs Enforcement: [Beware of ICE Imposters](#)

