

CORONAVIRUS MOBILE SCAM ALERT



for these scams arriving on your mobile devices!

There has been an increase in opportunistic criminal activity on the internet and mobile channels. The bad guys are preying on your fear and sending all sorts of scams related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Below are some examples of the types of scams you should be on the lookout for on your mobile devices:

MIS-INFORMATION

Take a few sips of water every 15 minutes if possible.

Even if the virus gets into your mouth, drinking water or other liquids will wash them down through your throat and into the stomach.

Once there, your stomach acid will kill all the virus.

If you don't drink enough water more regularly, the virus can enter your windpipe and into the lungs. That's very dangerous 🤔🤔🤔🤔

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Mis-information

...Your well-meaning contact may spread fake news, misinformation, conspiracy theories and other hoaxes via chat groups like WhatsApp. Please warn your family members and do not blindly forward posts. Only trust information from reputable sources such as the WHO.

MALICIOUS APPS

COVID 19 TRACKER

Malicious apps

...Criminals lure victims with Coronavirus tracking mobile apps. Once installed they can gain access to your camera or microphone and can even see your text messages. Some apps even lock your device and demand a ransom in order for you to regain access. Don't get caught by malicious apps, only download reputable apps from the legit app stores.

WHATSAPP & SMS SCAMS

Text Message Wednesday 01:37

BREAKING NEWS ! With the VIRUS OUTBREAK, banks maybe closing. Get what you can now [ka12-pw/1JQKdyk0Hg](#) UP to 5k. We can only OFFER THIS TODAY

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic worldwide, NETFLIX is giving some free pass for their platform during the period of isolation. Run on the site cause it will end quick!
[netflix-usa*net/?free-isolation-period](#)

WhatsApp & SMS scams

...Beware of fake text and WhatsApp messages talking about government checks, bank updates or Coronavirus updates in your area. Criminals are using the uncertainty around Coronavirus to trick you into clicking on the link and sharing your credentials.

No, Netflix is not offering free passes. It's a scam!

RELIEF SCAMS

Text Message Yesterday 12:05

As part of the NHS promise to battle the COV-19virus , HMRC has issued a payment of £258 as a goodwill payment. Follow link to apply
[hmrc-cov19/payment-estrodev-*\)com](#)

Government relief scams

...Text messages asking you to follow a link in order to receive a supposed COVID-19 relief payment from the government.

VISHING SCAMS

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...You may receive a robo-call or even a real person calling you pretending to be from your mobile operator, broadcaster or other businesses offering huge discounts or free upgrades due to Corona. Wow, you are over the moon. Then they ask for your bank details to set up a new direct debit to the scammer's account. Don't ever trust anyone asking for your personal information via the phone.

CHARITY DONATION SCAMS

Malinda B Cruz Just now · 📍

The WHO needs your money to help fund the research in developing a vaccine against Coronavirus. Click here to donate.
[www*bakkabuddy-*\(com/coronaresearch_1222](#)

Social Media Charity Donation scams

...Social media posts asking for donations to help provide supplies or find a cure. These scams are designed to defraud residents of cash. Confirm the authenticity of any group soliciting money or goods from you before you donate.

Remain cautious! Protect yourself from scams like these:

- Never click on links from texts or emails you weren't expecting.
- Be wary of anything that triggers your emotions, good or bad.
- Avoid clicking on links in WhatsApp or other channels.
- Only trust reputable sources and if in doubt, verify.