

# IDENTIFYING & AVOIDING COVID-19 SCAMS

Cyber scams historically rise during national emergencies and the current pandemic is no exception. Protect your data with these best practices to avoid COVID-19 themed attacks.



## RED FLAGS

Regardless of the method there are a number of red flags scams share.



ATTACHMENTS



HYPERLINKS



SENSE OF URGENCY



TYPOS/GRAMMAR



UNSOLICITED



UNUSUAL REQUESTS

## HOW CAN SCHNEIDER DOWNS HELP?

The Schneider Downs cybersecurity practice consists of experts in multiple technical domains. We offer a comprehensive set of information technology security services including penetration testing, intrusion prevention/detection review, vulnerability assessments, and a robust digital forensics and incident response team.

## CONTACT US

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If you suspect your organization is experiencing a network incident our Incident Response Team is available around the clock at 1-800-993-8937.

## BEST PRACTICES



1 AVOID CLICKING ON LINKS OR DOWNLOADING ATTACHMENTS FROM SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

2 DO NOT REPLY TO UNSOLICITED COMMUNICATIONS (EMAILS, TEXTS, CALLS)

3 HOVER OVER LINKS AND HEADER INFORMATION TO SEE FULL URLS AND ADDRESSES

4 NEVER PROVIDE PERSONAL OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION THROUGH EMAIL OR ON SUSPICIOUS WEBSITES

5 ONLY USE VERIFIED WEBSITES SUCH AS [WWW.CDC.GOV](http://WWW.CDC.GOV) OR [WWW.IRS.GOV](http://WWW.IRS.GOV) FOR COVID-19 INFORMATION



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