

ATTENTION! RISK ALERT!

SCAMS DEVELOPING AROUND CORONAVIRUS STIMULUS PAYMENTS

Fraudsters have been quick to deploy scams involving the Coronavirus Stimulus Package payments being deployed mid-April. The Better Business Bureau (BBB) has reported instances of victims being contacted through text messages, social media, or phone with the **following scams**:

- Scammers target seniors via Facebook informing them they can get a special grant to help pay medical bills. The link within directs to a bogus website claiming to be "*U.S. Emergency Grants Federation*". They are asked to provide their social security number under guise of verifying identity.
- Fraudsters are calling victims claiming that they qualify for additional Coronavirus Stimulus payments – anywhere from \$1,000 to \$150,000. Victims are asked to pay a "processing fee" to receive the monies.
- Fraudsters are watching for opportunities in the next couple weeks to seize U.S. Treasury checks from mail and attempt to cash them.
- Some fraudsters will take the opportunity to create counterfeit U.S. Treasury checks to use in their scams.
- Fraudsters may attempt, via phone and email, to get the victim to provide them with their account number under the pretense of direct depositing the stimulus payment into their account.

STICK TO THE FACTS...

For credible and truthful information on receiving these payments, visit the link below and you will be redirected to the official website of the *Internal Revenue Service (IRS)* with information regarding the coronavirus stimulus payments.

www.irs.gov/coronavirus