

BEWARE

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

According to the Federal Trade Commission, "Scammers know that finding a job can be tough. To trick people looking for honest work, scammers advertise where real employers and job placement firms do. They also make upbeat promises about your chances of employment, and virtually all of them ask you to pay them for their services before you get a job. But the promise of a job isn't the same thing as a job. If you have to pay for the promise, it's likely a scam."

What Red Flags should I look for?

- Legitimate employers will rarely interview you via instant messaging.
- Legitimate employers rarely send you a check before work is performed, and ask you to cash the check, keep a small amount for yourself and then forward the balance to a 3rd party.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it is.
- Legitimate employers will rarely offer you a job without meeting you first.
- Legitimate employers rarely ask you to pay for equipment, training, drug tests upfront using a MoneyPak or Green Dot card, or request your bank account number.

What should I do if I suspect an Employment Scam?

- Do not accept or cash checks from or pay money to an employer you believe is not legitimate
- Report the incident in detail as soon as possible.

How do I report suspected Employment Scam?

- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC).
- Call or visit your local police department. The police may be investigating complaints similar to yours and your information could be useful.
- Call or visit your local Workforce Center and report the incident.
- Report fraud to the Texas Workforce Commission fraud abuse hotline 800-252 3642 or twc.fraud@twc.state.tx.us.

Where can I learn more about Employment Scam?

- Go to Federal Trade Commission website, www.ftc.gov and review consumer information regarding identity theft and steps to protect your identity and keep your personal information secure.
- Go to www.texasattorneygeneral.gov to learn more about consumer protection and crime victim support.

CALL TWC'S FRAUD, WASTE & ABUSE HOTLINE: 800-252-3642

OR EMAIL TWC.FRAUD@TWC.STATE.TX.US

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