Don't get mixed up in consumer scams.

Unscramble the letters to reveal common scams.

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1 RTLEY OT

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2 NSHIH PIG

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3 ETNRPGAN RDA

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4 IYTHA CR

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5 PGNFO SOI

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• Answers on back!





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The first step in preventing scams is knowing about them.

Answers:



1 Lottery scam: In a lottery scam, you receive a call or email congratulating you on being a winner with an ask for an upfront payment for fees and taxes. Similarly, if you are asked to pay an advance on sweepstakes prize winnings, it could be a scam.



2 Phishing: Phishing happens when you receive authentic-looking emails or text messages with links that ask you to share bank or credit card account numbers or your social security number.



3 Grandparent: If you get a call from a grandchild or relative asking you to wire money or send gift cards to help them out of trouble and they ask you not to tell anyone, it could be a scam.



4 Charity scam: If you get a call or email asking for a donation to a charity you've never heard of, look the charity up before you give out your credit card number. Scammers could be trying to take advantage of your generosity.



Spoofing: In a spoof scam, criminals send an email that looks like it's from a friend who needs money to deal with an emergency. If you receive an email like this, always check with the sender by phone or in person.