



# FRAUD ALERT

## EPA IMPERSONATION SCHEME

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Office of Inspector General is issuing this fraud alert to highlight an increasingly common phishing scam.

The fraudsters impersonate EPA employees, using social media or other electronic means to solicit sensitive personal information and payment for fraudulent EPA grants.

### How can you protect yourself?



Be cautious of unsolicited offers involving the EPA and contact the Agency directly to verify the legitimacy of any contacts or request you receive.



Contact friends and family directly to confirm the authenticity of outreach from their social media accounts that involves financial offers or requests for payment or personal information.



Contact the EPA immediately if you are asked to pay fees of any kind to apply for or receive an EPA grant.



Learn more about this scam and what to look for.

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### EPA OIG HOTLINE

If you believe you have been a victim of this scam or have knowledge of other potential fraud involving the EPA, report it to the EPA OIG Hotline by completing the online complaint form at [www.EPA.gov/OIG](http://www.EPA.gov/OIG), emailing [OIG.Hotline@epa.gov](mailto:OIG.Hotline@epa.gov), or calling 888-546-8740.

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