

5 types of #covidscams

Criminals worldwide are profiting from COVID-19 while endangering everyone with these common scams.



COUNTERFEIT EQUIPMENT:

Fake masks, thermometers and test kits put healthcare workers at risk and make it harder to identify and contain infection.



FAKE TREATMENTS AND CURES:

Scammers claim that their old miracle cures, including essential oils, vitamin C and bleach, treat COVID-19, too.



FINANCIAL CRIME:

Americans lost \$13.4 million to COVID-19 related scams in the first 3 months of 2020. Criminals have attacked hospitals with ransomware, impersonated CDC and FDA agents, and stolen stimulus checks.



PRICE GOUGING:

Profiteers with no legitimate connection to the medical supply market are selling N95 masks, PPE, surgical gloves, disinfecting wipes, and hand sanitizer at vastly inflated prices.



BLACK MARKET DRUG SCHEMES:

Drug counterfeiters are selling counterfeit vaccines and fake treatments. There is no vaccine for COVID-19.

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