# **Beware of Social Security Imposter Scams**

You've probably gotten calls claiming to be from the Social Security Administration. Watch how two people handle these calls and learn what you can do to avoid government imposter scams.

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Remember, the SSA will never call you asking for your Social Security number. They will never ask you to pay for anything or threaten your benefits.



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#### Watch video

# News from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser

Colorado Department of Law releases statewide report highlighting barriers Coloradans face to receiving insulin, providing recommendations for making the drug more accessible

Over 40% of survey respondents said they ration insulin due to cost at least once a year



The Colorado Department of Law <u>released a report</u> detailing the barriers Coloradans face in receiving the insulin they need and providing recommendations for how to make the vital drug more affordable and accessible.

Insulin prices rose by an inflation-adjusted 262% between 2007 and 2018 in Colorado. As a result, more than 40% of Coloradans who responded to a Department survey said they ration insulin due to cost at least once a year. In some cases, where individuals lack access to insulin, they reported choosing to fast as a means of managing their blood sugar levels.

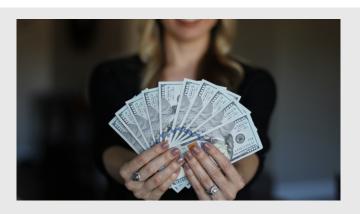
#### Press release

# The 5280 Guide to Avoiding Consumer Scams

You have to be proactive. You have to defend yourself with constant vigilance, says Weiser

"There's a character in Harry Potter named Mad-Eye Moody. He preaches constant vigilance. I want people to think of Mad-Eye Moody every day. When you open an email— constant vigilance. When you answer the phone—constant vigilance," said Weiser.

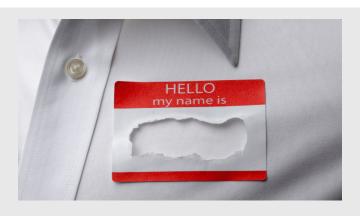
## 5280 article



# BBB Scam Alert: This get-rich-quick con promises fast money on Cash App

Want to turn \$500 into \$10,000 with very little effort? Of course, you do! Scammers are taking advantage of people's get-rich-quick dreams by promoting "money flipping" scams on social media, and BBB is seeing dozens of reports each month about these cons.

Treat Cash App like cash. Once you send money though Cash App, you may not be able to get that money back. It's now scammers payment method of choice, so be careful.



# AARP Identity-Fraud Report: Older Adults Need Better Online Security

Today, people want contactless, safe and faster personal and financial transactions and, according to the report, the good news is that desire will drive commercial innovation. The bad news: Forecasts call for "increased criminal acts that target consumers and monetize their personally identifiable data," says the report, entitled <u>"Identity Fraud in Three Acts: A</u> <u>Consumer Guide."</u> The report focuses on adults 55 and older.

What to do? Create an action plan to keep safe — and stronger passwords are a good start.

## Read more

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## Stay Informed

For the most up-to-date information about the Coronavirus, visit the websites of the:

- <u>Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment</u>
- <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)</u>
- <u>World Health Organization (WHO)</u>

## COVID-19 Consumer Advice from Attorney General Phil Weiser

The Office of Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser created a <u>webpage</u>, also available in <u>Spanish</u>, offering guidance and alerting consumers about how they can protect themselves against COVID-19-related scams.

## Take time to report fraud or suspicious activity

By learning how to avoid scams related to the Coronavirus, we can work together to ensure no one in our state is taken in by these malicious attempts to defraud Colorado consumers during this public health emergency.

If you notice any scams, fraud, price gouging, or other attempts to take advantage of Coloradans

during this public health emergency, contact Stop Fraud Colorado at 800-222-4444 or <u>www.StopFraudColorado.gov.</u>

Tell us your story

