

STOP Fraud Colorado

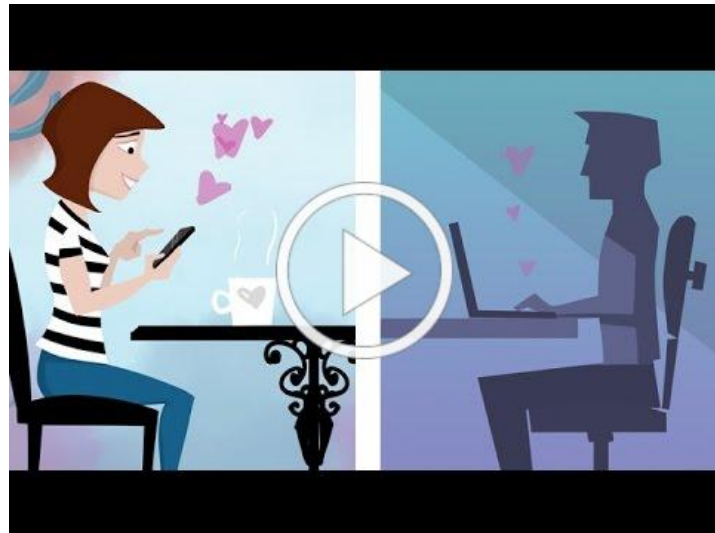
Consumer Fraud Bulletin

Never send money or gifts to a sweetheart you haven't met in person

Here's what you need to know about romance scams

It's almost Valentine's Day. Lots of us have profiles on online dating sites, apps, or social media to find "the one." But that interesting person who just messaged you could be a sweet-talking romance scammer trying to trick you into sending money.

In a sea of online profiles, romance scammers can be hard to detect. Here's the bottom line: Never send money or gifts to a sweetheart you haven't met in person.



[Tips to spot this scam](#)
[Listen to a romance scam victim tell her story](#)

Report: Romance scammers have raked in \$200 million in the last year

Romance scams are raking in millions

New [FTC data](#) show consumers reported losing more than \$200 Million to romance scams in 2019, six times higher than five years ago – from \$33 million lost to romance scammers in 2015. Colorado's attorney general warns the issue may only worsen before Valentine's Day.

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News from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser

Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser releases Identity Theft Repair Kit



In a large-scale scam erupting amid the coronavirus pandemic, imposters are taking advantage of increased unemployment to collect benefits in the names of unsuspecting victims. If you receive a Reliacard debit card or other paperwork from [CDLE](#) and have not filed a claim, report it to CDLE using [this form](#) and follow the steps they've outlined.

If this happens to you, it also means someone is misusing your personal information, including your Social Security number and date of birth. With this emerging trend, AG Weiser released an Identity Theft Repair Kit for consumers, available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). And because you can do everything right and still have your personal information stolen, we want to walk you through important steps to take if you do become a victim.

[Click here to access our Identity Theft Repair Kit](#)

Attorney General Phil Weiser leads states to reach \$573 million national settlement with McKinsey & Company for its role in 'turbocharging' the opioid epidemic with Purdue Pharma

Attorney General Phil Weiser announced a [\\$573 million settlement](#) with a coalition of attorneys general from 47 states, the District of Columbia and five U.S. territories, and one of the world's largest consulting firms, McKinsey & Company, Inc. United States, to resolve investigations into the company's role in working for opioid companies, helping those companies promote their drugs, and profiting from the opioid epidemic. Colorado was a leader in this nationwide effort and will receive nearly \$10 million to abate problems caused by the opioid crisis in our state.

[Press release](#)

Colorado business agrees to pay \$70,000 to the State after misleading buyers about masks and respirators, price gouging during COVID-19 crisis

Attorney General Phil Weiser announced his office has [reached a settlement](#) with Denver-based Nationwide Medical Supply Inc., after the business made misleading claims about the masks and respirators it sold and charged unreasonably excessive prices for those products during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

“During a public health emergency, Coloradans and Colorado businesses need to be able to trust that the potentially life-saving products they are purchasing are as advertised,” Weiser said. “We must hold irresponsible businesses accountable for deceptive practices, especially those that have the potential to cause direct harm to consumers.”

[Press release](#)

AARP ElderWatch 2021 Virtual Events

AARP ElderWatch is hosting free educational online presentations to help you stay safe from frauds and scams. View the descriptions on the [event page](#) or for more information, call our helpline at 800-222-4444 option 2.

AARP ElderWatch is a partner of the Colorado Attorney General's Office. All events will be recorded and available for viewing after the event on our [AARP ElderWatch Online Training YouTube Page](#)



[Browse Upcoming Events](#)

February 28 - March 6, 2021: National Consumer Protection Week

[National Consumer Protection Week](#) (NCPW) is a time to help people understand their consumer rights and make well-informed decisions about money. Be on the lookout for a special announcement later in the month containing NCPW consumer events hosted by the Colorado AG's office and ways to get involved!

Stay Informed

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

- [Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

COVID-19 Consumer Advice from Attorney General Phil Weiser

The Office of Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser created a [webpage](#), also available in [Spanish](#), 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 [www.StopFraudColorado.gov](#).

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