

Did someone tell you to pay with gift cards? It's a scam



Gift cards are a popular and convenient way to give someone a gift. They're also a **popular** way for scammers to steal money from you. That's because gift cards are like cash: if you buy a gift card and someone uses it, you probably cannot get your money back. Gift cards are for gifts, not payments. Anyone who demands payment by gift card is very likely a scammer.

Learn more by watching this [video](#) about how to avoid gift card scams and how to report them.

Gift card displays now warn potential scam victims before they make the purchase Safeway stores train employees to stop the crime

Scammers are good at convincing people there really is an emergency, so lots of people have made the trip to the local store to buy gift cards to send these callers. Safeway is partnering with local law enforcement to raise awareness about gift card scams and to help train employees to recognize the signs of one of these scams to help prevent shoppers from making the costly mistake that normally costs them hundreds of dollars.

[KOAA News5](#)



News from Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser

Colorado travel company will reimburse Colorado high schoolers and families nearly \$800,000 for trips canceled due to the pandemic

Attorney General Phil Weiser reached agreement with a Wheat Ridge-based travel company, Voyageurs International, to provide refunds to about 400 Coloradans after withholding fees for music trips to Europe that it canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Press release](#)

Colorado Attorney General, law enforcement officials and Department of Labor launch statewide task force to investigate and prosecute unprecedented unemployment insurance fraud and identity theft

Together with law enforcement agencies and the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE), Colorado Attorney General Phil Weiser announced the creation of the Colorado Unemployment Fraud Task Force. The joint task force will investigate and prosecute those who have committed identity theft, and used that information to commit fraud against the state of Colorado and the unemployment insurance system.

[Press release](#)

Attorney General Phil Weiser announces Colorado borrowers receive over \$9.5 million in multistate settlement with Wells Fargo for unfairly withheld GAP insurance fees

Attorney General Phil Weiser announced that his office secured more than \$9.5 million in refunds for Colorado borrowers who were charged unnecessary GAP insurance fees. Through a multistate effort, Colorado discovered that Wells Fargo historically had not been refunding unearned GAP fees owed to consumers in Colorado and other states.

[Press release](#)

AARP ElderWatch Unveils April as Older Adult Finances Month!

AARP ElderWatch unveils April as Older Adult Finances Month! This month will focus on motivating and empowering consumers to take charge of their financial future. Join ElderWatch all month long for free virtual financial literacy programs!

AARP ElderWatch Colorado is a program with the **Colorado attorney general** and AARP whose mission is to ensure that no older adults are left to suffer, alone and in silence, at the hands of those who exploit them.

AARP ElderWatch
a partnership with the Colorado Attorney General

TOMORROW: April 8, 2:00 PM: AARP ElderWatch Tele-Town Hall with Jean Chatzky

Join AARP ElderWatch for a special Tele-Town Hall with Jean Chatzky, AARP's Financial Ambassador and Founder and CEO of HerMoney. She'll address participants' questions and share best practices for spending and saving as we age.

[Register here](#)

April 13, 10:00 AM: Finances after the Loss of a Loved One

Join AARP ElderWatch for its Finances after the Loss of a Loved One Webinar in partnership with AARP Colorado and Stop Fraud Colorado. This webinar will equip participants with direction and resources for their financial situation after suffering the loss of a loved one. We will discuss changes to Social Security benefits, contacting the credit bureaus, steps to take to prevent against identity theft, and tips to create a new budget reflecting your changed income.

[Register here](#)

April 19, 9:00 AM: MoneyTalks 50+ Podcast Launch

Topic of the day: AARP ElderWatch MoneyTalks 50+ Podcast launch

Tune in for the launch of AARP ElderWatch's Money Talks 50+ Podcast, a podcast by women, for women, addressing the unique financial issues they face. The first episode covers caregiving finances and can be listened to on our [Facebook page](#), or [here](#).

April 29, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM: Check Your Credit Report Day Colorado

Check Your Credit Report Colorado Day is an opportunity for participants to get one-on-one assistance accessing and understanding their credit report virtually on Zoom. Checking your credit report is an essential step in recognizing and mitigating the effects of identity theft, although only 23 percent of Coloradans report to check it annually.

NOTE: if you do not have access to a computer, call ElderWatch at 1-800-222-4444 option 2 and we will assist.

[Register here](#)

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.

StopFraudColorado.Gov

