

Safety Tips

- Don't respond to unknown calls or texts
- Do use official websites to submit information
- Don't let others use your phone
- Do check in with family about scams if it feels bad or confusing
- Only use gift cards for shopping, not for payments over the phone

The Linn County Sheriff's Office will never ask you for payment over the phone to take care of outstanding warrants, crimes, or services of any type. If you have questions or would like to make a report. Please contact us at 541-967-3950.



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FRAUD ALERT

If you answer **YES** to any of these questions, you may be the target of a **SCAM!**

- Is anyone trying to get your bank account information?
- Are they asking you to pay for anything with money cards or gift cards?

If anyone refuses to let you off the phone, or orders you to not speak to anyone about the call, **IT IS A SCAM.** Please hang up!



Fraud Alert!

The Linn County Sheriff's Office needs your help to spread the word about scams affecting our community. Scam calls are on the rise, targeting people of all ages—especially the elderly.

This flyer lists common scam questions to help you recognize and avoid fraud.

If you believe you have been targeted by a scam, please report it to the Linn County Sheriff's Office. You can also report scams to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov



If you or a loved one were solicited through a computer pop-up, social media site, dating site, text, email, or phone call by someone you have never met, and answer "YES" to one of the following questions, **you may have been targeted by a SCAM.**

- Have you been asked to invest in cryptocurrency or in gold futures?
- Has someone asked you to obtain cash to either purchase gift cards or deposit in a cryptocurrency ATM—or given you a QR code to deposit money into an ATM?
- Has someone contacted you claiming a family member is in danger or jail, and you must send money now to avoid further harm?
- Has someone claiming to be law enforcement asked you for payment over the phone to resolve a warrant or criminal charges?
- Has someone claiming to be a tech or customer support representative requested money to remove a virus or pornography from your computer or secure your account?
- Has someone you never met claimed to be romantically interested in you but requested you send them money or something else of value?
- Has someone directed you to meet in a public place to drop off or pick up money to deliver to an unknown person?

If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please make a report to the Linn County Sheriff's Office. Then go to www.ic3.gov for additional resources or to file a complaint with the FBI INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER (IC3).

Persons 60 and older may call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at (833) 372-8311 for assistance in filing with IC3.

