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## WORK-FROM-HOME JOB SCAMS

Many people are out of work due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. This is a time when looking for a work-from-home opportunity seems like a great idea, and it may be; just be wary of scam predators who see this crisis as an opportunity to access your personal information and money!

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) reports that job scams were ranked the top riskiest scam in both 2018 and 2019, and it does not seem to be slowing down in 2020. It can be difficult to determine which opportunities are legitimate and which are scams, especially as so many employers are practicing social distancing, so the BBB and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) offer some tips to avoid these types of scams:

- **Never** pay to get a job, as scam predators may guarantee a job if you pay for training, material or supplies, but then the job is not real
- **Be aware** that job offers without interviews are a red flag of job scams
- **Check** official job postings on the company website, as scam predators rely on emails, social media and texts to get to your information
- **Research** companies to see if they have existing complaints
- **Find** legitimate job opportunities through sites such as Career One Stop at <https://www.careeronestop.org> where you can look through opportunities in your area as well as other beneficial resources
- **Always** keep your personal information safe

**Note:** You may report scam predators to the FTC, Adult Protective Services (APS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation Internet Crime Complaint Center.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact  
**San Bernardino County APS at 1 (877) 565-2020**  
or your local police department.