

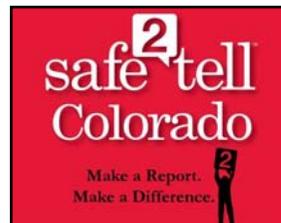
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### October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month



The Colorado Attorney General's Office is a proud Champion of National Cyber Security Awareness Month (NCSAM). Now in its 12th year, NCSAM is designed to engage and educate through events and initiatives with the goal of raising awareness about cyber security in order to increase the resiliency of the nation in the event of a cyber incident. Since the presidential proclamation establishing NCSAM in 2004, it has been formally recognized by Congress, federal, state and local governments, and leaders from industry and academia. This united effort helps create a cyberspace that is safer, more resilient and remains a source of tremendous opportunity and growth for years to come. [Click here to learn more information.](#)

### Has the IRS Called You and Demanded You Use a Prepaid Card to Pay a Debt?



Scammers often impersonate government officials in an attempt to coerce consumers into sending them money or to steal personal information. They might promise lottery winnings if you pay "taxes" or other fees, or they might threaten you with arrest or a lawsuit if you don't pay a supposed debt. The call may be purported to be from the Internal Revenue Service, U.S. Treasury Department, the FBI, or even from the Attorney General. Regardless of their tactics, their goal is the same: to trick you into sending your hard earned money while unjustly enriching the fraudster. **Don't do it!** Federal and state government agencies and their employees don't ask people to send money for prizes, unpaid loans, or back taxes; nor are they permitted to ask you to wire money or add money to a prepaid debit card to pay for anything.

[Click here to learn more about government imposter fraud.](#)

### Learn About Safe2Tell Colorado in Celebration of America's Safe Schools Week

America's Safe Schools week occurs annually during the third full week in October. In celebration, learn more about the Safe2Tell Colorado program and new anonymous reporting app. Safe2Tell provides young people a way to report any threatening behaviors or activities endangering themselves or someone they know, in a way that keeps them safe and anonymous. [Learn About Safe2Tell Colorado.](#) [Watch the Safe2Tell Colorado video.](#)



### Tis the Upcoming Season—Tips for Charitable Giving



The upcoming holidays bring an abundance of charitable giving opportunities to Coloradans. It can be a great time to make a tax deductible donation or support a cause during the giving season. Unfortunately, scam artists prey on the generosity of consumers in the giving spirit. Fraudulent charitable opportunities are increasingly harder to identify, especially during the hustle and bustle of the holidays. Whether donations include food, clothing, shelter, volunteer work, or monetary gifts, do your research before donating to make sure your charitable contributions are assisting those intended rather than line the pockets of scam artists. [Visit the Charity Fraud Center for tips about giving wisely.](#)