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Happy Holidays

While we are enjoying this season with friends and family, remember, scammers never take a holiday. As a matter of fact, there is often an uptick of scams during this time of year.

We are sending along our yearly **12 Days of Holiday Scams** list with updated warnings and tips. The scams listed continue to be top on fraudsters shopping list.

There are a few more end-of-the-year tips and to-dos to keep your online presence safe:

1. Change all your passwords. And no, it is still not ok to use the same password for all your online sites.
2. If you have not done so already, go to annualcreditreport.com** to get all three of your FREE credit reports before the end of the year. Getting these reports is a great way to see if there has been any unusual activity on your accounts. Also, make sure to check your children's credit report. Children 18 years and younger are the fastest growing cohort that have their identity stolen. For an additional level of security, you may want to consider freezing your children's accounts until they turn 18.

** annualcreditreport.com is the **only official free** credit report company. *Do not use any other site.*

3. Just in time for holiday travel, this scam warning just came across my desk. [Do not use any USB charging stations at the airport. Cybercriminals can modify those USB connections to install malware on your phone or download data without your knowledge.](#)

4. Check out our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages to see the latest scams every Friday Fraud Day.

As this year comes to a close, I continue to feel very fortunate to be Denver's District Attorney.

On behalf of the more than 200 people in our office, we wish you all a very safe, healthy and happy holiday season.

Fondly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth".

"12 Days of Holiday Scams"



12 Fake Emails



11 Romance Scams



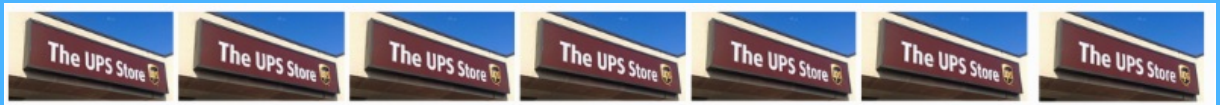
10 Kidnapping Scams



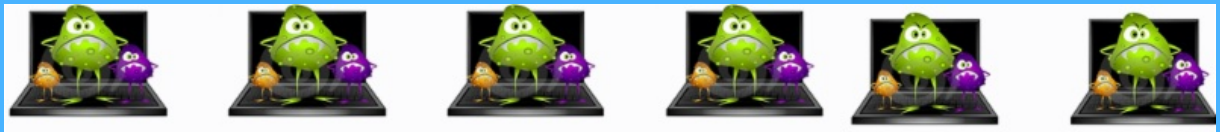
9 ATM Skimmers



8 Dummy Gift Cards



7 Hoax Shipping Notifications



6 Computer Viruses



5 Facebook Gift Exchange Hoaxes



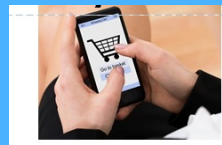
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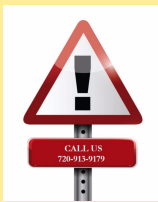
3 Online Shopping Mishaps



2 Phony Charities



1 Fake App



THINK YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED?

If you suspect you've been scammed or exploited, call our Fraud Hot Line to report it. 720-913-9179

SCHEDULE A SPEAKER

Interested in learning more about scams happening in Denver? Do you want to know how to protect yourself from identity theft? Our office provides presentations free of charge to your group or organization. Contact Maro Casparian at amc@denverda.org or 720-913-9036

