

6 MILITARY & VETERAN SCAMS TO WATCH OUT FOR

Watch for these six warning signs that suggest someone is trying to scam you into parting with your money or your identity.



EMAIL ONLY

Be wary of anyone who doesn't want to talk to you on the phone, even if they say it's for "security reasons."



ROMANCE SCAM

The internet is rife with dating and romance scams, and military scams are a scammer's most favorite.

Not only does it provide scammers with the perfect excuse for why they're unable to meet their victim, but it also gives them the opportunity to get their sympathy and admiration.

Romance scammers only really want two things...your money and information.



THE IMPOSTER

Everyone is looking for someone who has interests in common. It makes it much easier to form a relationship or friendship.

The "Imposter" is someone who steals pictures that are either from the military or wearing a uniform, then states they are in the military themselves. Once they gain your trust, they use the military as an excuse to ask you for money.

SEND ME YOUR PIC

Beware of individuals who connect with you on social media or via chat, strike up a relationship, and then ask you to send a photo of yourself with your Military ID or badge, just to prove to them who you claim to be.



Using this reverse psychology, a scammer will create a fake profile to target individuals or steal your ID to commit financial crimes.



PENSION THEFT

To gain access to your incoming pension funds, scammers try to convince Veterans to move their deposits to a different account using all types of trickery.



CHARITY SCAMS

Charity scams aimed at military members will often pretend to raise money for wounded veterans or other military causes. Verify their authenticity before making a donation.