



Mail Fraud Scams

Here's how they work:

You get a letter that says good luck is coming! You're going to win a prize or lottery, or get an inheritance very soon. The letter uses your name and looks like it's written just for you.

Then the letter says you must pay a fee or buy something to guarantee your good luck. It tells you to fill out a form and mail in a payment.

These are just a few kinds of mail fraud scams. But, whatever kind you see: don't send any money. The letter is a form letter, not a personal message, and it's a trick. There is no prize. If you send money, you'll get more letters and more false promises.

Here's what you can do:

- 1. Keep your money—and your information—to yourself.**
Don't send money or information to someone who promises big rewards. If you really win something, you will get it without paying.
- 2. Pass this information on to a friend.** You probably throw away these kinds of letters. But you probably know someone who could use a friendly reminder.
- 3. Read about other scams at [ftc.gov/passiton](https://www.ftc.gov/passiton)**





Want to know more? Sign up for scam alerts at ftc.gov/subscribe.

...*Pass* it ON

Please Report Scams

If you spot a scam, please report it to the Federal Trade Commission.

- Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261
- Go online: ftc.gov/complaint

Your complaint can help protect other people. By filing a complaint, you can help the FTC's investigators identify the scammers and stop them before they can get someone's hard-earned money. It really makes a difference.

