

# THREE COMMON ELECTION SEASON SCAMS



## POLITICAL DONATION SCAMS

Cybercriminals reach out to you by phone, email or social media posing as a political action committee (PAC) to steal money or personal information.

### RECOGNIZE

- They call you unexpectedly and rush you into making a donation.
- They ask for personal or financial information.
- The website doesn't provide any contact information.

### RECOVER

- If you made a donation or shared your financial information, contact your bank or financial institution to close or change any compromised accounts.
- Report the scam. Visit [FightCybercrime.org](https://fightcybercrime.org) to find out where to report.
- If you provided personal information, go to [annualcreditreport.com](https://annualcreditreport.com) to check your credit report for unusual activity.



## FAKE SURVEYS/POLLS

Fraudsters contact you by phone, email or social media pretending to be a political volunteer asking you to take part in a survey/poll.

### RECOGNIZE

- They use questions that ask for personal or financial information.
- They ask questions about controversial topics to get you fired up.
- They offer compensation/prizes for participation and ask you to purchase gift cards to process shipping charges and/or taxes for the prize.

### RECOVER

- Visit [IdentityTheft.gov](https://IdentityTheft.gov) from the Federal Trade Commission to create a personalized plan for recovery.
- Report the scam. Visit [FightCybercrime.org](https://fightcybercrime.org) to find out where to report.
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## VOTER REGISTRATION SCAMS

Scammers, posing as election officials, contact you by phone, email or in-person. They ask you to update your voter registration or tell you that you can register to vote over the phone.

### RECOGNIZE

- They say they need your personal information to confirm your voter registration or to help you register.
- The communication comes from someone other than your state or local election official.
- They ask you to pay to complete your voter registration paperwork.

### RECOVER

- Follow the [Identity Theft Victim Recovery Checklist](#) by The National Center for Victims of Crime.
- Report the scam. Visit [FightCybercrime.org](https://fightcybercrime.org) to find out where to report.
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*For more recovery tips and resources, visit [FightCybercrime.org](https://fightcybercrime.org)*