

BECOMING A SCAMMER HAMMER

**Best Practices to Thwart
Thieves, Hackers, and Other
Online/Telephone Criminals**

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THINK
BE INTENTIONAL



THINK COMMON SENSE



PART ONE **GENERAL** **ONLINE** **SECURITY**



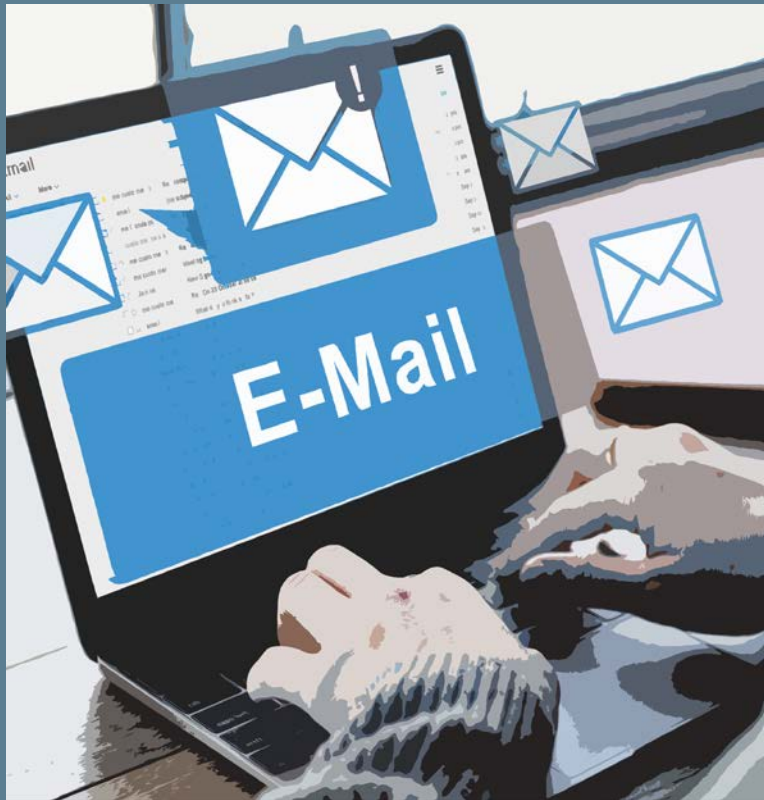
I. PASSWORDS



- **Unique String + Standard String**
- **Guarantees Unique Passwords**
- **Prevents Rote Memorization**
- **Upper, Lower, Number, Symbol**
- **E-mail Password Most Important**
- **Secure Paper Copy – All Accounts (Account #, UN, PW, Phone, etc.)**



2. E-MAIL SECURITY



- Robust Firewall/Anti-Viral
- Beware Unexpected E-mails
- **!! NO CLICK Unless You KNOW !!**
- Only Unsubscribe if Known Sender
- Don't Send CC#s or PWs



3. GET OFF LISTS



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4. WEB SURFING



- **Use Bookmarks/Shortcuts**
- **Visit Reputable Sites**
- **No Unknown Downloads**
- **Closing Stuck Window**

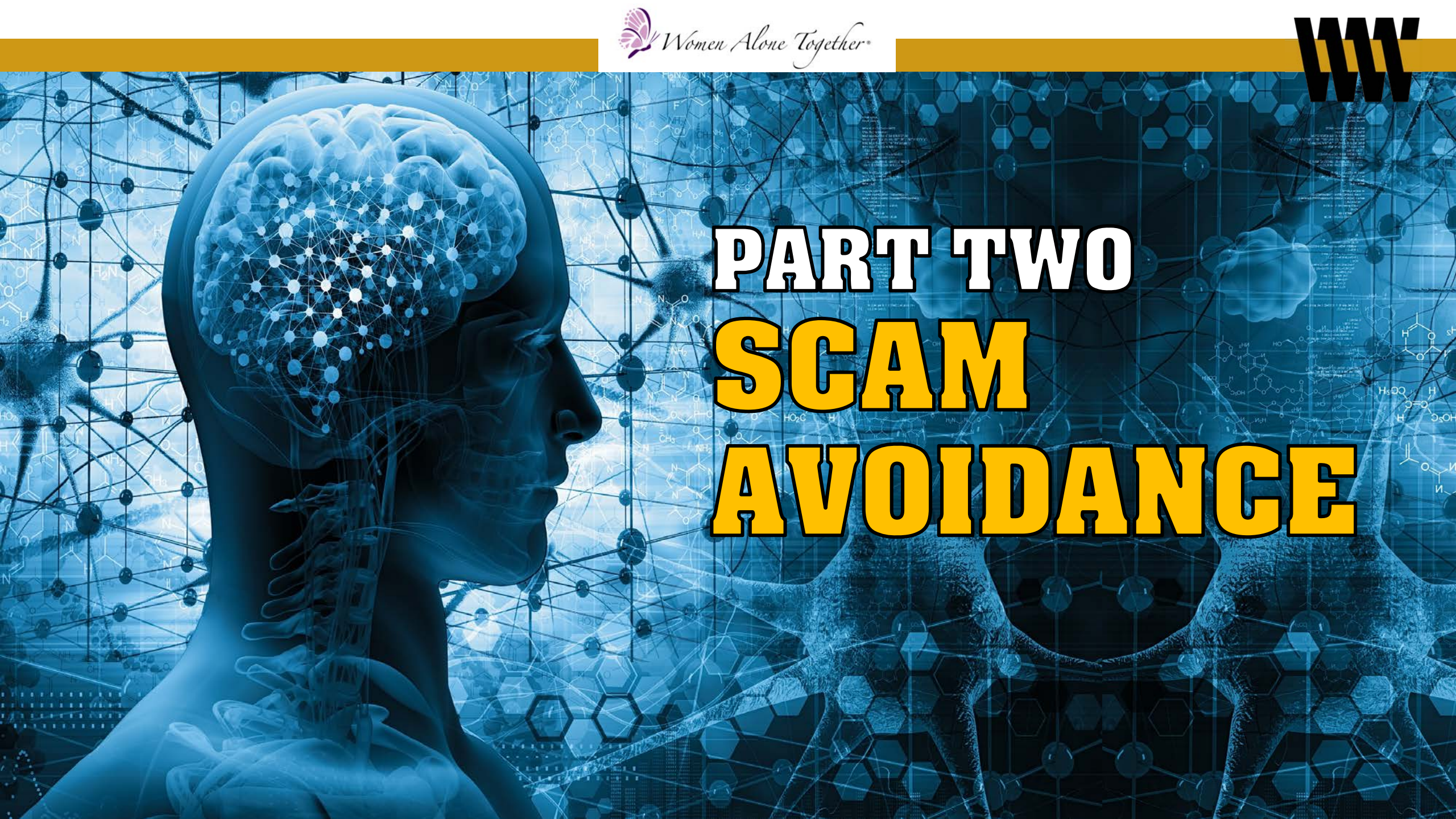
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Click Task Manager
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Click on CLOSE



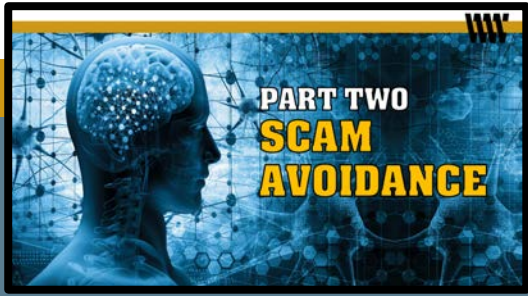
5. SOCIAL MEDIA

**Don't give the bad guys a
roadmap and time table.**



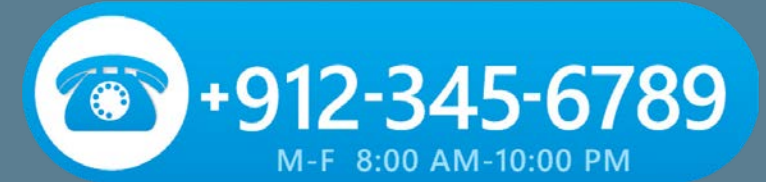
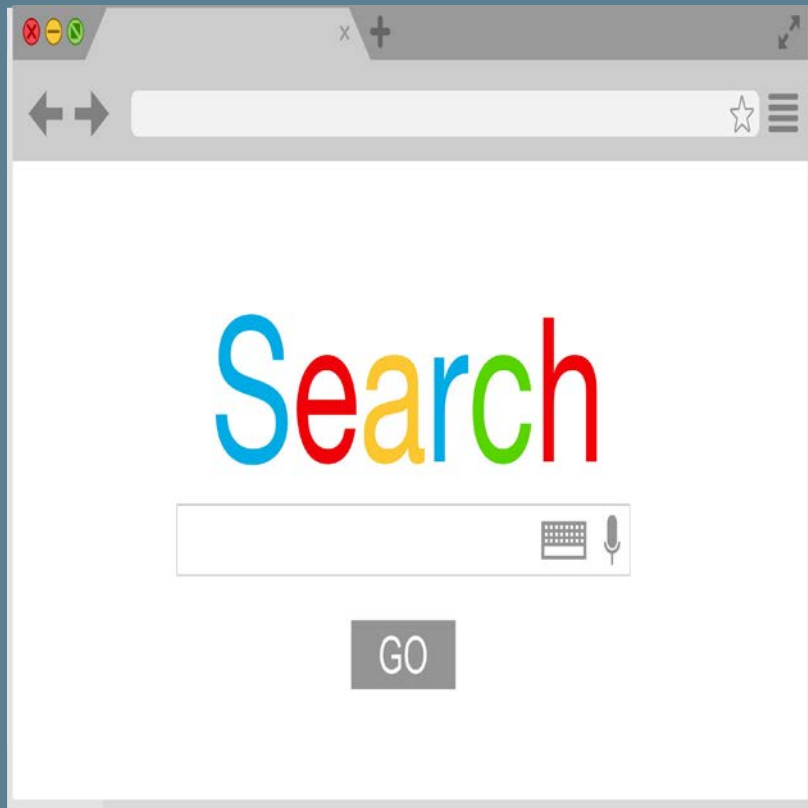


PART TWO **SCAM** **AVOIDANCE**



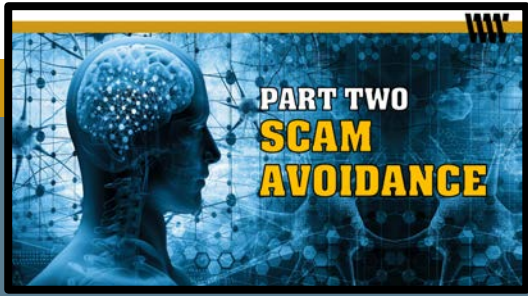
2. RESEARCH

GOOGLE IT!



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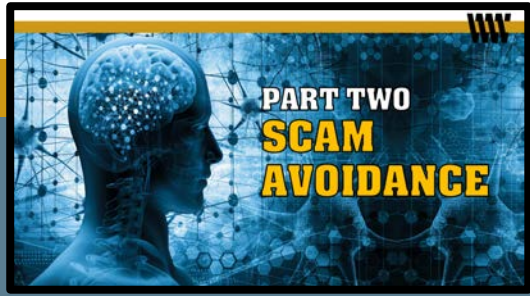
“scam” and “abc corp.”



3. CALLER ID

DON'T BELIEVE IT!



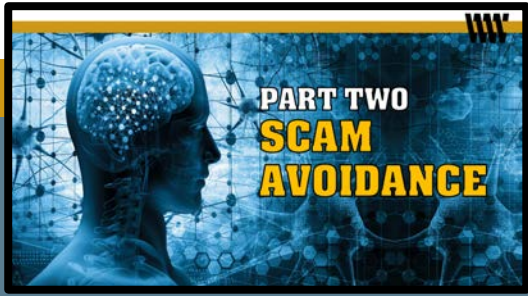


3. CALLER ID

UNSURE? CALL'EM BACK.*

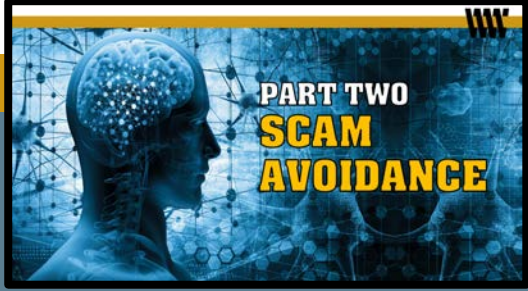


*** AFTER YOU MAKE SURE IT IS NOT A
"ONE RING/MISSED CALL" SCAM**



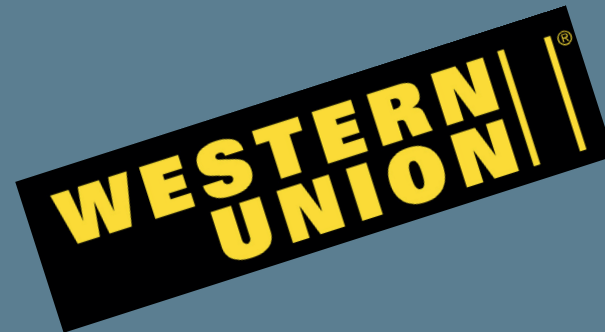
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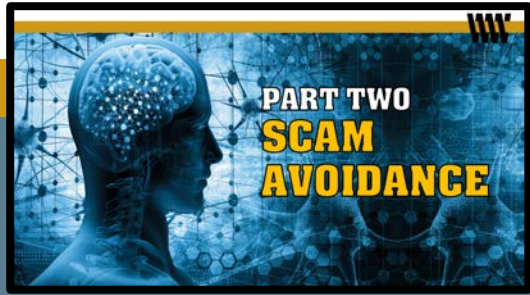




5. PAYMENT METHOD

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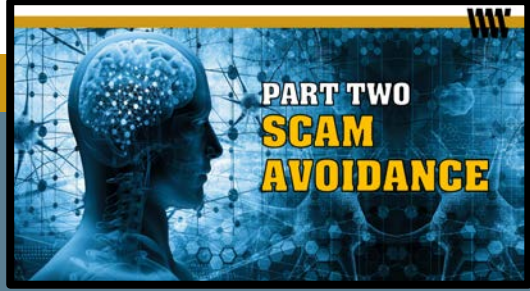


5. PAYMENT METHOD

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- **Able to challenge charges**
- **Limited Liability**
- **Goodwill accommodations**



6. CONFER & CONSULT

DON'T BE HURRIED!

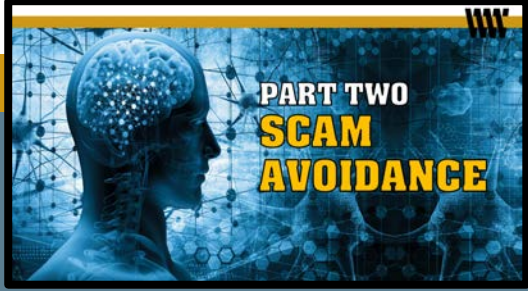


**LIMITED
TIME OFFER**

LIMITED QUANTITY

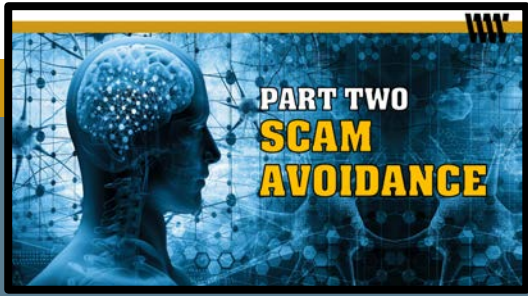


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7. RECORDED PITCH HANG UP!

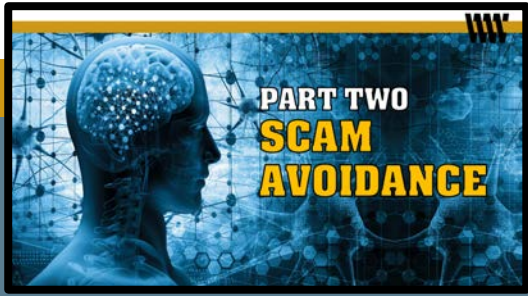




8. “FREE!”

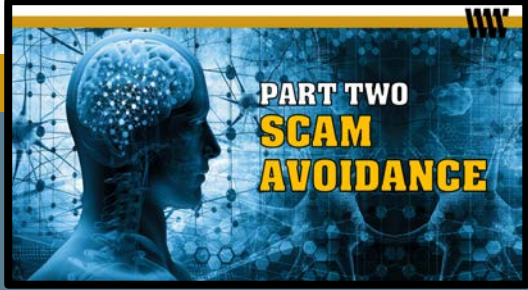
NO SUCH THING





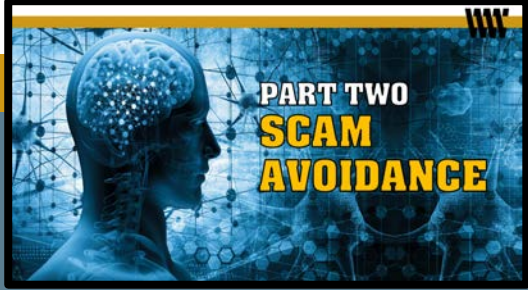
9. “VERIFY YOUR INFO” NO SUCH THING





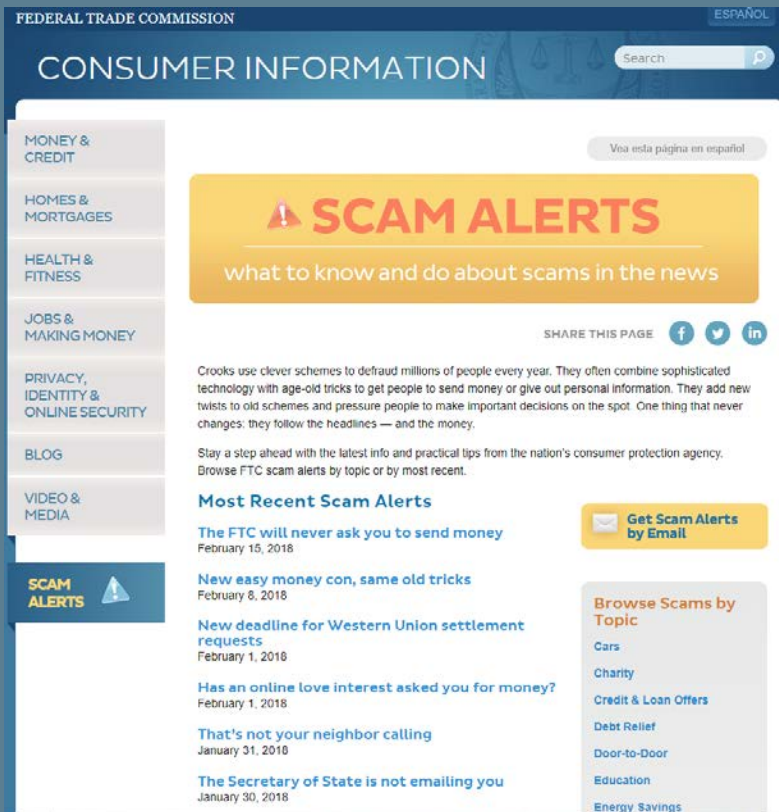
10. STRANGERS' CHECKS DO NOT DEPOSIT





II. STAY CURRENT

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PART THREE **COMMON** **SCAMS**

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