Marshall Fire Scams

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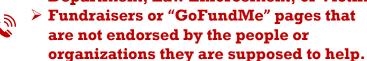


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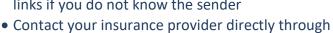
- > Insurance agent reaching unexpectedly to you and providing too good to be true options
- Contractors calling to give you a "deal" on fire clean up





What to Do Instead

- Don't answer calls from unknown phone numbers
- Hang up the phone if you believe the call to be a scam
- Do not "click" or "tap" on email or text message links if you do not know the sender



their legitimate contact information

- Take the needed time to properly research and vet
- a contractor before doing business with them
- Do not give gift card numbers or financial account information to "Charities" over the phone, instead visit https://www.coloradogives.org/%20boulder countywildfirefund?step=step1 if you want to donate towards the Marshall Fire.

Use Caution If Someone

Tells you there is a fee to access FEMA or disaster assistance services

- ✓ Tells you that the fee will get you to the front of the disaster assistance list
- Asks for payment in the form of gift cards, bitcoin, wire transfer, or access to your financial accounts
- Tells you they are a licenses and bonded contractor without providing proof

What to Know

- ✓ Scammers thrive in situations when people are stressed and take advantage of these situations
- ✓ Know that government disaster assistance agencies do not ask for financial account information
 - There is NO FEE required to apply for or get disaster assistance from FEMA or the Disaster Assistance Center
- ✓ Scammers will often "spoof" local phone numbers. Spoofing is when a scammer uses a local number or a number from an actual agency to appear like a legitimate caller.

To Report a Scam



Contact the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov to report fraud or by contacting the Community Protection Division at 303-441-3700

If You Are a Victim of a Scam



- If the scam occurred through the internet, report the fraud at https://www.ic3.gov/
- For all other scams, report them with the Federal Trade Commission at https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/
- Contact your local law enforcement agency and let them know you are a victim of a scam
- Contact the Community Protection Division to learn how to protect yourself against future scams and frauds

Call the DA's Community Protection questions 303-441-3700

For Disaster Recovery, please visit https://www.bouldercounty.org/disasters/wildf res/marshall/



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