Stay vigilant against fraud.

#fraudweek
Financial fraud occurs when someone takes money or other assets from you through deception or criminal activity.

The most recent attempts have been centered around the COVID-19 pandemic. Digital fraudsters have developed more scams to take advantage of consumers.

How? Posing as trusted organizations, such as:
- Your bank
- Medicare
- The CDC
- The American Red Cross
- The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), or other government organizations.

Like any scam, the fraudster may attempt to reach consumers by phone, text, email, or a combination of these methods.

Here are some tips to help you recognize a scam.
More than ever, be mindful of financial scams. If you reach out to your financial institution, they may need to verify your identity but will not request your online banking passcodes or PIN.

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Suspicious Phone Calls or Messages

Do not respond to calls or texts from unknown numbers, or any others that appear suspicious. Scammers often spoof phone numbers to trick you into answering or responding.

Remember that government agencies will never call you to ask for personal information or money. Never share your personal or financial information via email, text messages, or over the phone.

When Sending Money

Consider the following mental checklist:

• Know Your Sender
• Verify the Site
• Review and Validate the Amount

Be cautious if you’re being pressured to share any information or make a payment immediately.
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Be mindful of scammers! Think twice before clicking on links that request personal information, or sending money to anyone in any way. If you receive a message like this, its strongly encouraged to not respond and to contact your institution immediately.

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