



Watch out for Gift Card Scams

Scammers love gift cards

They're easy to get
and nearly untraceable.

Don't fall for these
common scams.

1

You're contacted by the IRS, Social Security or a utility company saying you are being charged penalties and must pay immediately with a gift card instead of a check or an online payment.

2

A "relative" texts or calls you saying they are in dire straits and need you to send them a gift card to save them.

3

A clergy member claims they are raising money for a cause. No need to send a check, just give them the numbers on the back of a gift card.

4

A resale or auction site offers you a discount if you pay with a gift card. You give them the number but never see the item you purchased.

No legitimate business or organization will ask you to pay with a gift card.
Report gift card scams at [Reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov).