

Scam Review Worksheet

Worksheet · After A Scam Attempt, Capture What Happened So The Family Learns.

Whether the scam succeeded or not, fill this in afterwards. Real examples from your own life teach more than any article. Share the completed worksheet with your family.

The Incident

Date / time it happened: _____

Who was targeted (you / family member / employee): _____

Channel (phone / SMS / email / social / in-person / mail): _____

How did it start? _____

The Hook

Pretext used (IRS, bank fraud dept, package, romance, job, refund, etc.):

Emotional trigger they tried (urgency, fear, love, guilt, greed):

Money-mover request (gift cards, wire, Zelle, crypto)? Y / N — what kind: _____

Red Flags Spotted

- 1 _____
- 2 _____
- 3 _____
- 4 _____
- 5 _____

Outcome

Did anything sensitive get shared (credentials, money, personal info)? Y / N

If yes, what specifically: _____

How was it caught / stopped? _____

Response Steps Taken

- Reported to FTC at reportfraud.ftc.gov.
- Reported to bank / credit card company (if money was involved).
- Reported to phone carrier (if SMS / call was involved).
- Reported to email provider (Gmail/Outlook 'Report Phishing').
- Changed any compromised passwords. Enabled MFA where missing.
- Filed police report (if loss > \$1,000 or identity theft).
- Reported to IRS Identity Theft Affidavit if tax-related.
- Pulled credit report to check for new accounts.

Family Lessons

What pattern does this scam follow? Will the family see it again? _____

Who in the family needs to be told? _____

What new defence are we adding? _____

Add To Family Scam Library

Filed in family scam library? Y / N · Date filed: _____

SCAM ALERT

Toll-Road SMS Scam Is Spreading Across The U.S.

Texts claiming you owe a small toll fee link to fake DMV-style sites. They steal card numbers and SSNs. Never click a 'toll' link — go to the toll authority directly.

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