

Use the News

Protect Against Scams and Identity Theft



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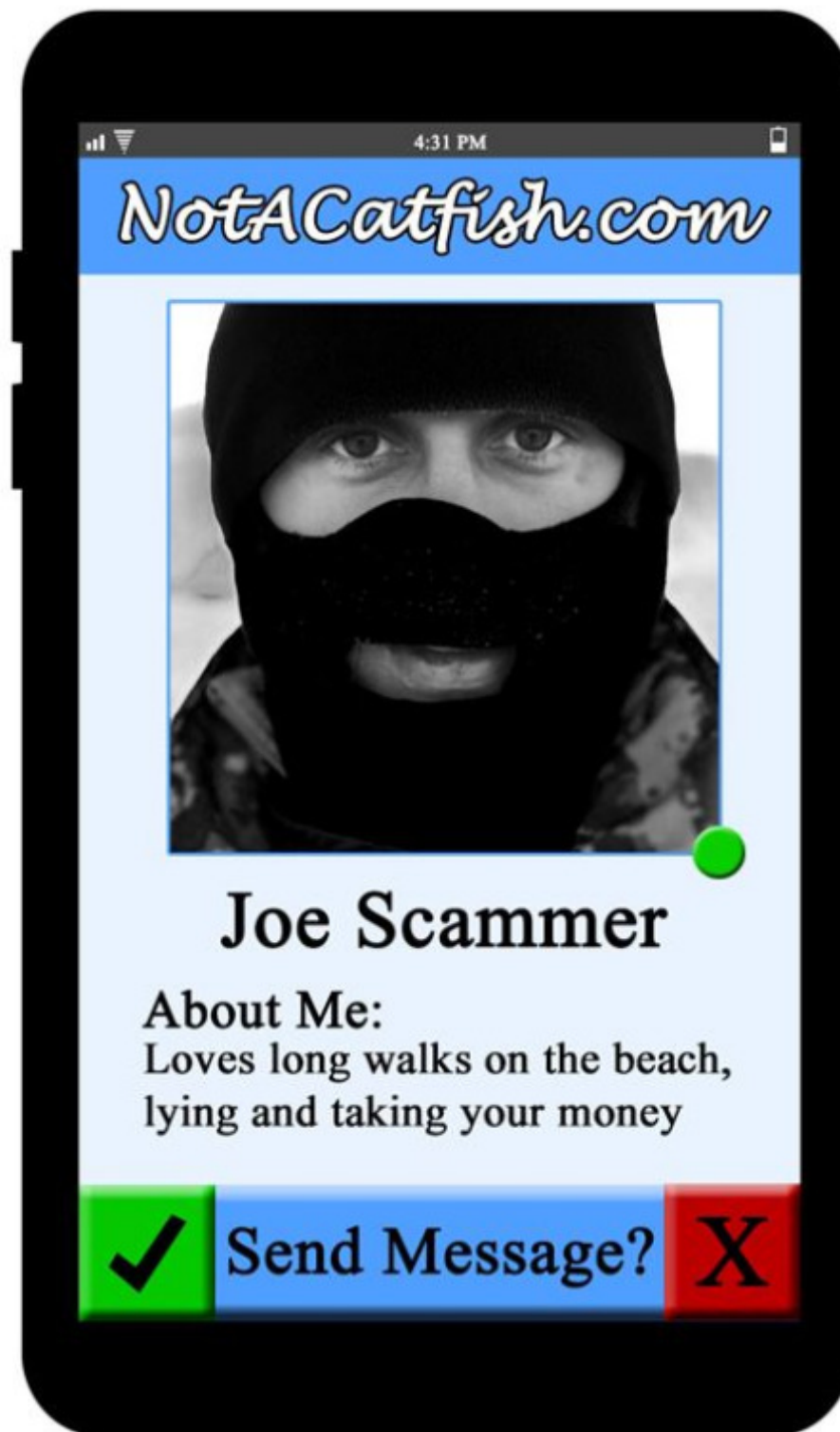


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Draw It

What catches your attention in Joe Scammer's profile?



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The radio reports a sweet, little 83 year old lady paid for a new roof, only to find the workers took the money and ran. Describe the most convincing "scam" that nearly

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Draw It

What kind of consequences do you think would have happened if that most convincing scam actually turned into reality? How would it have affected the victim of fraud? Would there have been any long term or short term effects? What about the impact on friends or family?

Fraud Victim		Family and Friends
Short Term (1 year) Consequences	Long Term (More than 1 year) Consequences	

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We have all heard these timeless tales where an innocent do-gooder gets sucked in and succumbs to the financial death of a money predator. Well, how about trying

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Open Ended Question



While you read the article Power Company Warns of Scams from the Tampa Bay Times, identify and explain “red flags” that businesses and individuals should be aware of that may point to a potential scam. (A “red flag” is a metaphor, a warning sign that something is wrong.)

Open Ended Question



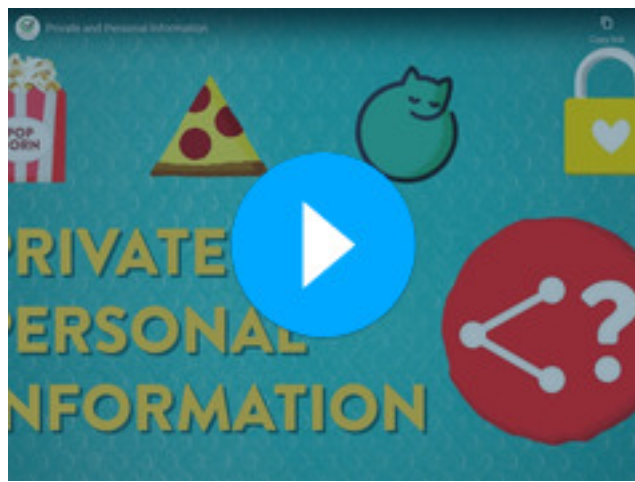
What is this article saying about scams? Some adults lose money when they fall for scams like this. What advice would you give to adults to help them avoid this problem?

Draw It

Victims of financial fraud can experience losses to assets, wealth, and future opportunities. List some examples for the types of loss a victim of financial fraud experiences.

Types of Loss		
Assets	Wealth	Future Opportunities

Open Ended Question



Scammers can operate on the phone, in person, and on the internet to steal your money and identity. In order to protect against scammers and identity theft, what information should be kept private?

Open Ended Question



After reflecting on what you learned in the lesson and reading the attached guide, come up with “Three Safe Rules” to ensure that you can protect, reduce or insure against the risk of loss due to identity theft.

Open Ended Question

Write down some website locations who help consumers find information about purchasing goods and services as well as consumer protection.

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Extension: Create a blog post that teaches about protection against identity theft. You can use some of the resources in the StopThinkConnect.org website to find more facts.