

Internet Crimes

Internet crimes, such as fraud, are a serious issue which Ardmore Police Department strives to battle. For your personal safety and security, **please do not give out any personal information online** to a site you cannot verify is reputable. Do not give out bank or other personal information through e-mails or phone calls.

If you receive an e-mail requesting you verify your bank number or other personal information, call the number you have for the business **(NOT the number they provide)**.

Avoiding being a victim is the first step in fighting internet crimes.

Please be weary concerning any inheritance notices or stranded relative or friend's assistance requests you may receive via e-mail as these are common ways of tricking people into sending money.

If you receive an e-mail or a pop-up that states you have won money, you most likely have not and the intent is to get access to your bank account.

Please follow the link: www.LooksTooGoodToBeTrue.com when you have something that may sound like an impossible or even a possible situation.

It is better to be safe than to become a victim.

If you are a victim of internet crimes please take the following steps:

- Report possible fraud to local police who forward data to police where suspect is operating.
- Report to ic3.gov FBI website for Internet Fraud & enter complaint.
- Report to uspsaig.gov/investigation.htm Inspector General for US mail and enter complaint if the US Postal Service (mail) is involved. It is probably worthwhile to report here just for the record, although it will be referred by them to FBI ic3.gov.
- Report to Internet source from which you contacted the suspect - website of auction, merchandiser, other. Some have systems for protection and possible recovery.