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Don't Let Scammers Ruin Your Vibe

Dear [--Merge1--],

PAUSE

Take a moment to breathe. Scammers want you to rush and make emotional decisions.

REFLECT

Think and research before you act. Scammers hope you won't look into the details.

QUESTION

Look for red flags. Scammers love irreversible payments, like gift cards, Venmo/Zelle transfers, or cryptocurrency.

CONFIRM

Verify the details. Reach out through a channel or official account you already trust.

"I thought I was getting a killer deal on flights and festival tickets."

When booking a spring break trip, festival tickets, or checking out travel document services online, it's easy to get re-directed to a look-alike website. These fraudulent sites can hit you with massive, hidden service fees, or worse-sell you completely fake bookings and documents that won't work when you show up.

- **Helpful Tip:** Don't rely solely on social media ads. Look for official verification badges, read reviews on trusted platforms, and use secure payment methods that offer buyer protection.

"The email looked exactly like it came from my boss/landlord."

Phishing & Impersonation

Scammers are masters at mimicking the communication style of landlords, employers, or popular digital services to redirect rent or deposit payments to fraudulent accounts. Because these messages hit your inbox or DMs looking totally normal, they can trick you if you're multitasking.

- **Helpful Tip:** Closely examine sender handles and email domains for subtle typos or extra characters. Always double-check sudden payment changes in person or via a

known phone number before hitting send.

“Your funds are at risk. We need to move them to a secure locker immediately to protect them.”

The Imposter Safe Haven Scam

In this high-pressure scam, fraudsters pose as bank fraud investigators, tech support, or even law enforcement. They’ll claim your digital wallet or bank account is compromised and try to convince you to “protect” your money by moving it to a crypto wallet or buying digital assets for “safekeeping.”

- **Helpful Tip: Remember:** No legitimate bank, credit union, or law enforcement agency will ever ask you to convert your cash to crypto or transfer money to an external account to secure it.

Need to build a recovery plan?

If you or a friend have been hit by a scam, don't sweat it alone. Learn how to create a step-by-step personal recovery plan with the [Better Business Bureau Scam Survival Toolkit](#).

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