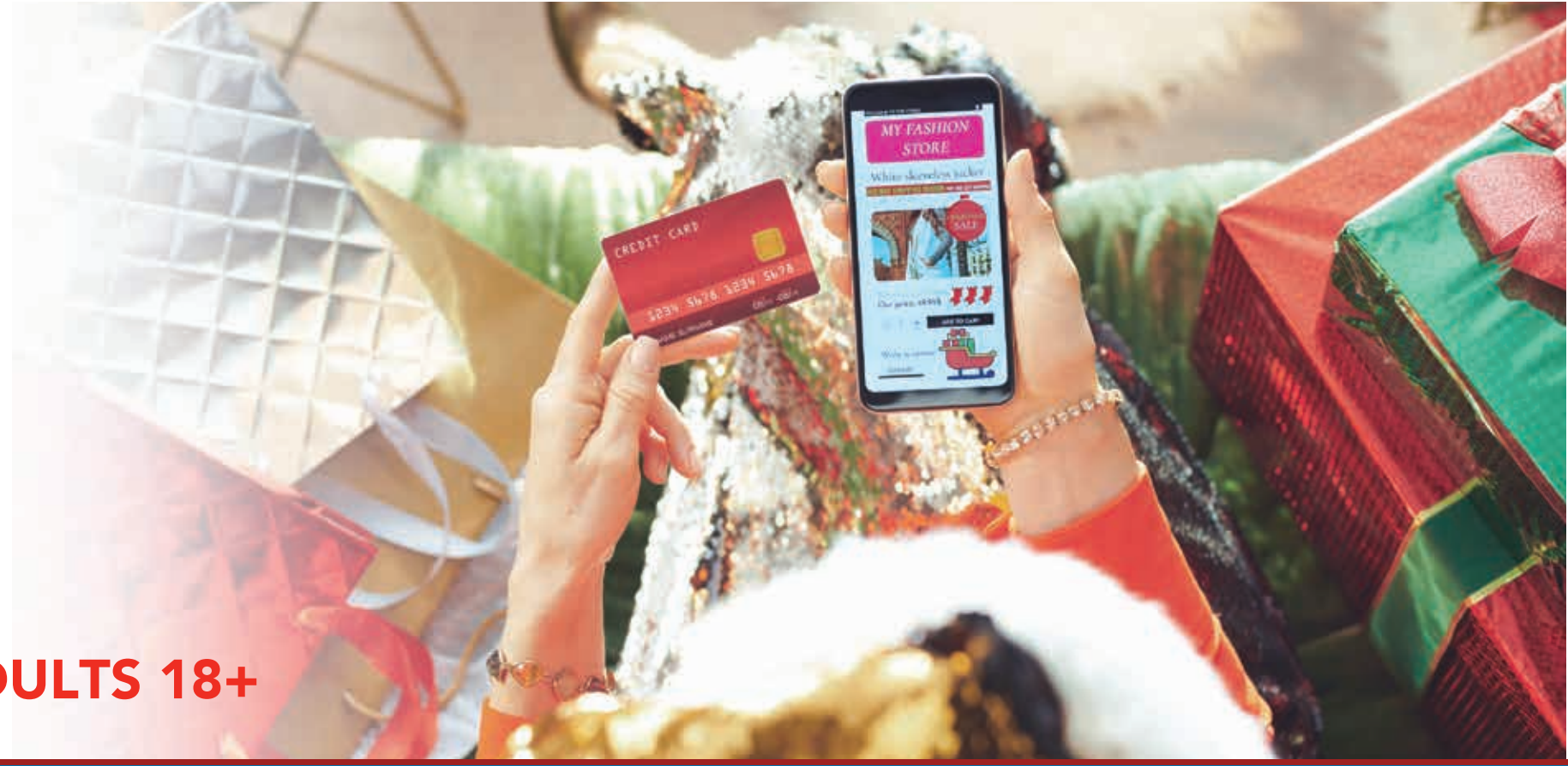




Fraud Watch Network

SEASON'S CHEATINGS: BEWARE OF HOLIDAY SCAMS

AN AARP CONNECTICUT SURVEY OF ADULTS 18+



ONE IN FIVE CONNECTICUT ADULTS FAILED A 5 QUESTION QUIZ ABOUT HOLIDAY SCAMS, PUTTING THEM AT RISK FOR FALLING VICTIM TO SCAMMERS' TACTICS

CHARITY SCAMS



More than **1 IN 3**

Connecticut adults say they received a donation request to a charity or cause that was likely fraudulent.



Only **2 IN 5**

Connecticut adults who received requests for donations checked out the recipient on a charity rating site. Among those who did, half decided not to proceed with the donation.



SHIPPING PACKAGES

Over **TWO IN FIVE CONNECTICUT ADULTS** will send packages to family and friends this holiday season, but **36% NEVER** request a signature (which means the package can be left outside for porch pirates to scoop up).

GIFT CARDS



More than **70%** plan to buy gift cards.

22% report that they have given and/or received a gift card that had no funds on it (compromised by a scammer or the result of clerk error).



The vast majority of Connecticut adults recognize that gift cards are not accepted as a form of payment to settle a debt with the government.

18% think they are.

18-49 (25%) vs 50+ (11%) (answered the question incorrectly)