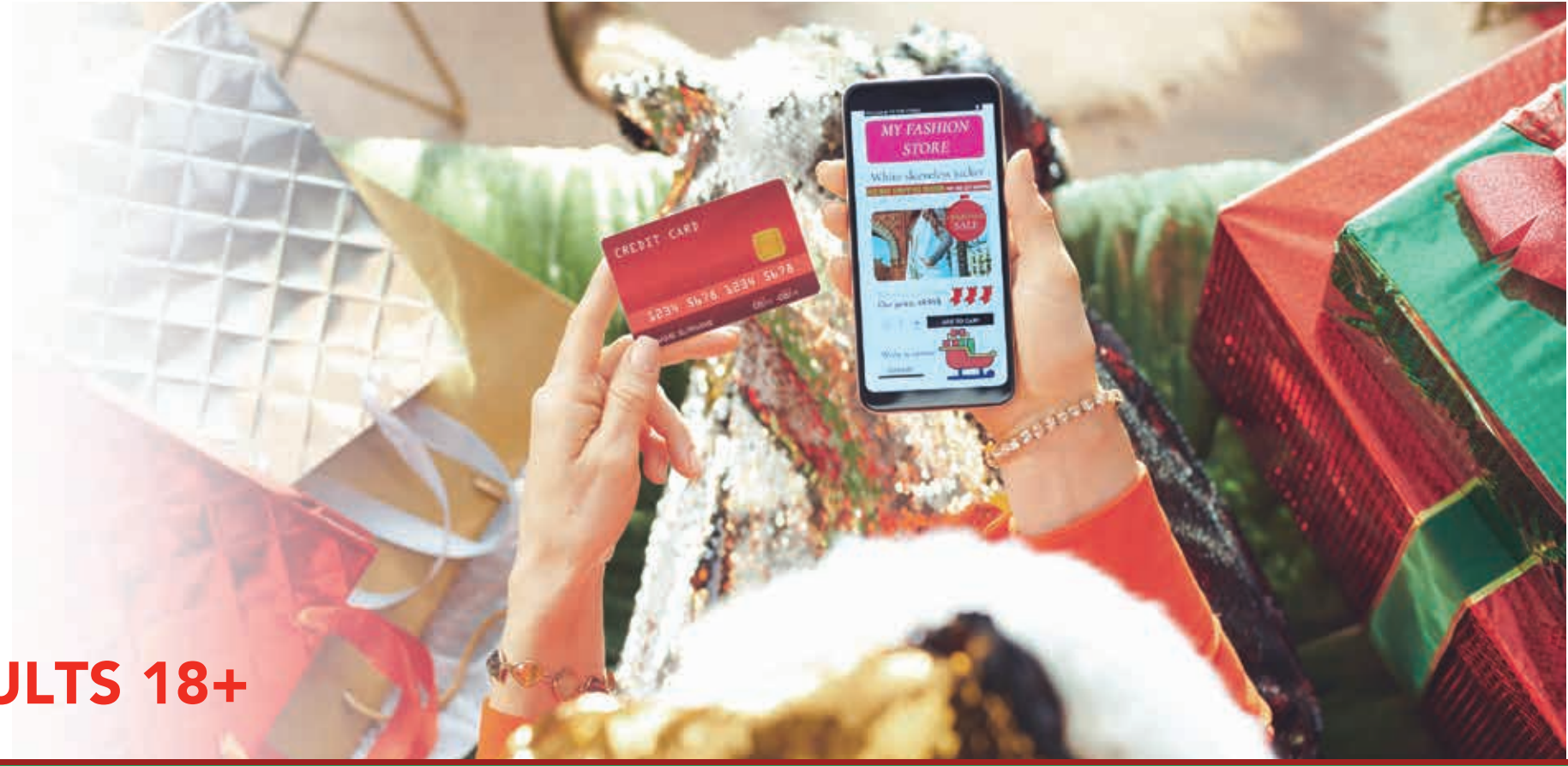




Fraud Watch Network

SEASON'S CHEATINGS: BEWARE OF HOLIDAY SCAMS

AN AARP NATIONAL SURVEY OF ADULTS 18+



ONE IN SIX U.S. 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**
U.S. adults say they received a donation
request to a charity or cause that
was likely fraudulent.



Only **3 IN 10**
who received requests for donations checked
out the recipient on a charity rating site.
Among those who did, over half decided
not to proceed with the donation.



SHIPPING PACKAGES

About **HALF OF U.S. ADULTS** will send packages
to family and friends this holiday season, but
50% 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.

19% 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 U.S. adults recognize
that gift cards are not accepted as a form of
payment to settle a debt with the government.

7% think they are.

18-49 (9%) vs 50+ (6%) (answered the question incorrectly)