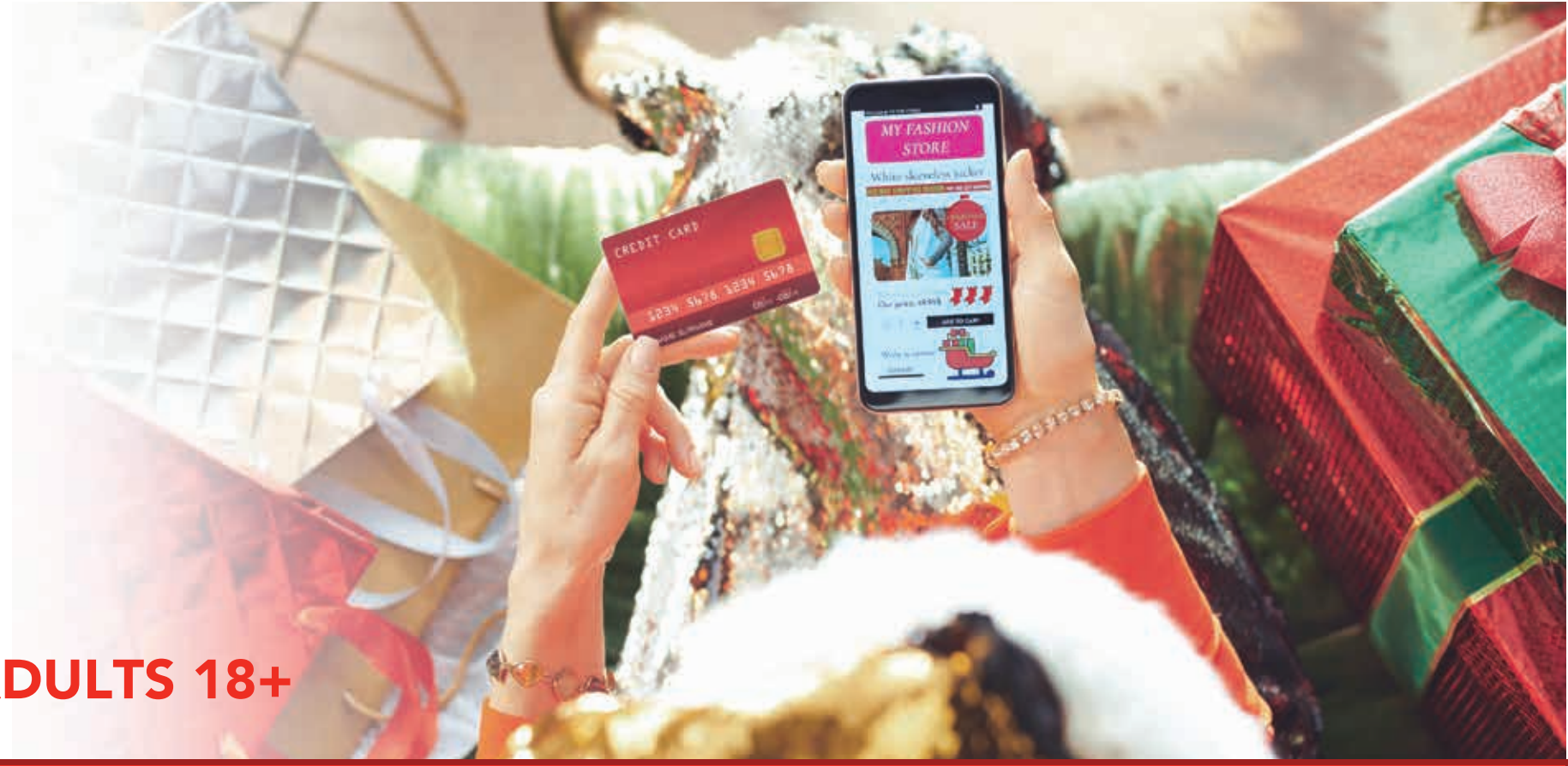




Fraud Watch Network

SEASON'S CHEATINGS: BEWARE OF HOLIDAY SCAMS

AN AARP PENNSYLVANIA SURVEY OF ADULTS 18+



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

CHARITY SCAMS



3 IN 10

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



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



SHIPPING PACKAGES

About TWO IN FIVE PENNSYLVANIA ADULTS will send packages to family and friends this holiday season, but 42% NEVER request a signature (which means the package can be left outside for porch pirates to scoop up).

GIFT CARDS



3 IN 4 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 Pennsylvania adults recognize that gift cards are not accepted as a form of payment to settle a debt with the government.

12% think they are.

18-49 (17%) vs 50+ (8%) (answered the question incorrectly)