SEASON’S CHEATINGS: BEWARE OF HOLIDAY SCAMS
AN AARP WASHINGTON SURVEY OF ADULTS 18+

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

CHARITY SCAMS

3 IN 10
Washington adults say they received a donation request to a charity or cause that was likely fraudulent.

Only 37% of Washington adults 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.

GIFT CARDS

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

14% think they are.

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

HALF OF WASHINGTON ADULTS will send packages to family and friends this holiday season, but 38% NEVER request a signature (which means the package can be left outside for porch pirates to scoop up).

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