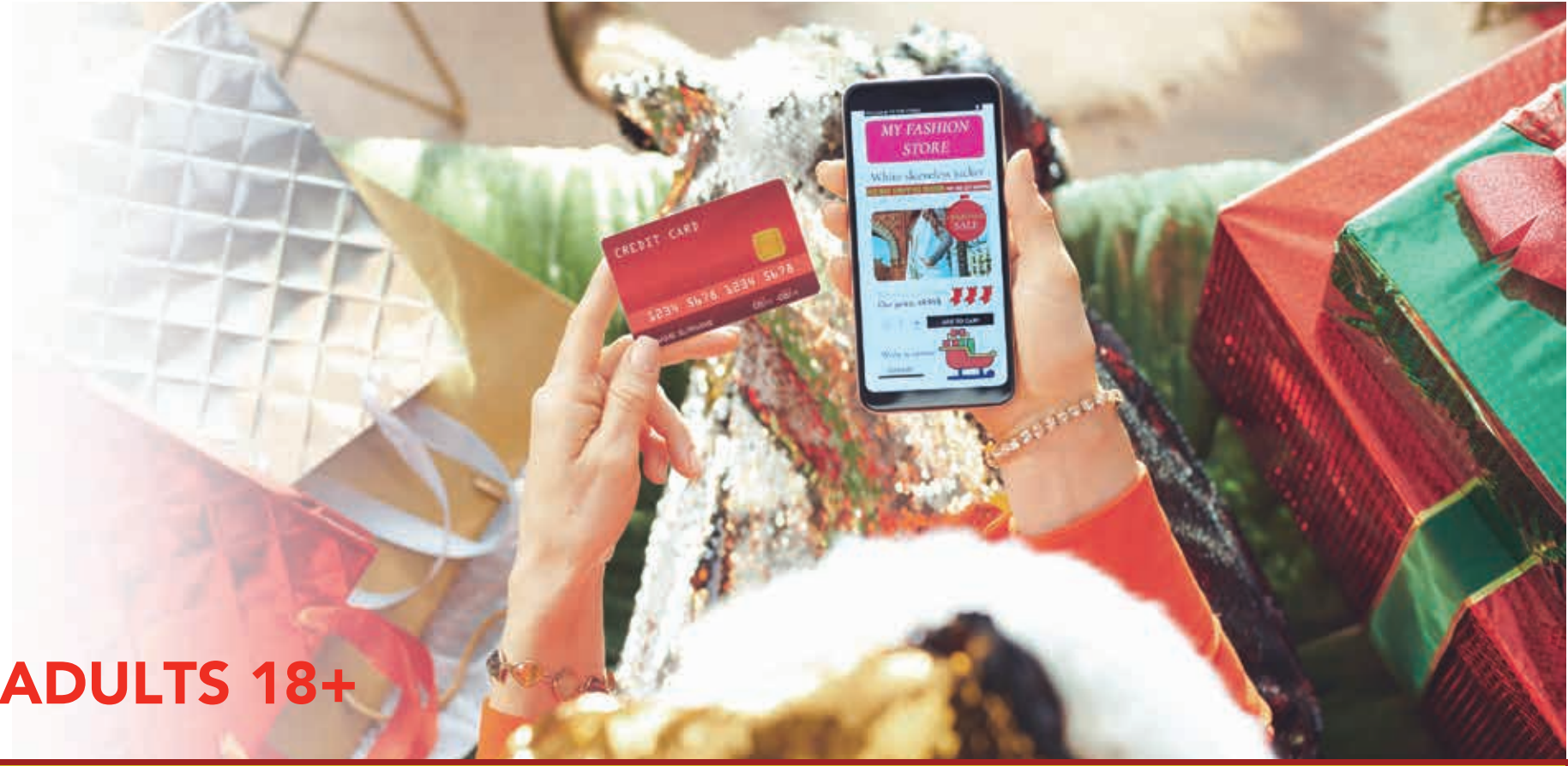




# Fraud Watch Network

## 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 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

**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).

### 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)