

# Office of Inspector General ALERT

## Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation



### Beware of Impersonation Scams Claiming to be from the FDIC or FDIC OIG

Unsolicited phone calls, text messages, or e-mails purporting to be from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or the FDIC Office of Inspector General (OIG) may be fraudulent.

### Types of Impersonation Scams



#### FDIC Impersonation

Scammers may contact an individual and assert that the individual has been awarded a grant or a sum of money, and the scammers may then request personal information (such as bank account or credit card information), money, or gift cards. We urge recipients of such calls or e-mails that demand a fee for release of funds to be especially wary of any such scheme requiring an advanced payment.



#### FDIC OIG Impersonation

Scammers may contact an individual claiming to be FDIC OIG personnel, sometimes utilizing the names of Special Agents to add an appearance of legitimacy to the scam. They may also indicate that the recipient of the call or message is under investigation and must pay a fee or fine in order to avoid being arrested. The fee or fine is often requested to be paid in the form of gift cards or other forms of payment.

Scammers purporting to be from the FDIC or FDIC OIG may use the FDIC or FDIC OIG's seal or logo to make their demand for funds appear to look legitimate. **The FDIC and FDIC OIG will not send unsolicited correspondence asking for sensitive personal information or demanding payment through gift cards, wire transfers, or digital currency.**



#### Contact the OIG Hotline

If you have been a victim of such scams or have questions about any unsolicited correspondence, please contact the FDIC OIG Hotline:



| [www.fdicigo.gov/oig-hotline](http://www.fdicigo.gov/oig-hotline)



| 1-800-964-FDIC



| 3501 Fairfax Drive – Room VS-D-9069 – Arlington, VA 22226

The OIG reviews all allegations and will investigate a matter in appropriate circumstances.

Individuals contacting the Hotline via the website can report information openly, confidentially, or anonymously.