

Phone scams

- We are seeing an increase in phone scams.
- Easy way for crooks to get your info.
- IRS wanting money.
- Grandma scam.
- You are under arrest.
- Your computer is hacked.



Example Letter:

Victim's name
Address

My name is NightSnake-66 and I know about the secret you are keeping from your wife and everyone else. More importantly, I have *evidence* of what you have been hiding. I won't go into the specifics here in case your wife intercepts this, but you know what I am talking about.

You don't know me personally and nobody hired me to look into you. Nor did I go out looking to burn you. It is just your bad luck that I stumbled across your misadventures while working a job around Poway. I then put in more time than I probably should have. Frankly, I am ready to forget all about you and Susan and let you get on with your life. So I am going to give you two options that will accomplish that very thing. Those two options are to either ignore this letter, or simply pay me \$3,550.

Let's examine those two options in more detail.

Option 1 is to ignore this letter. Let me tell you what will happen if you choose this path. I will take this evidence and send it to everyone in your life, especially Susan. And as insurance against you intercepting it before she gets it, I will also send copies to her friends, family, associates, and all your neighbors on and around Indian Trail Road. So even if you decide to come clean with your wife, it won't protect her from the humiliation she will feel when everyone she knows finds out your sordid details from me.

Protect yourself!

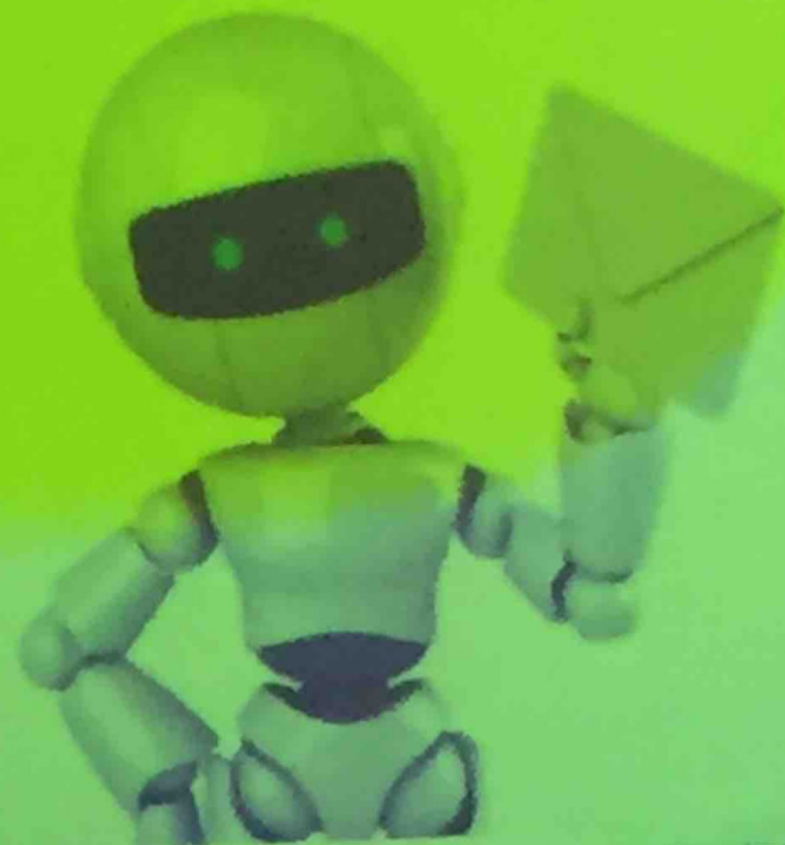
- Watch your credit reports.
- Keep your info to yourself.
- Put credit freezes on your accounts(TransUnion, Experian, Equifax).
- Make it harder for others to contact you.

**PROTECT
YOURSELF**

FROM SCAMS

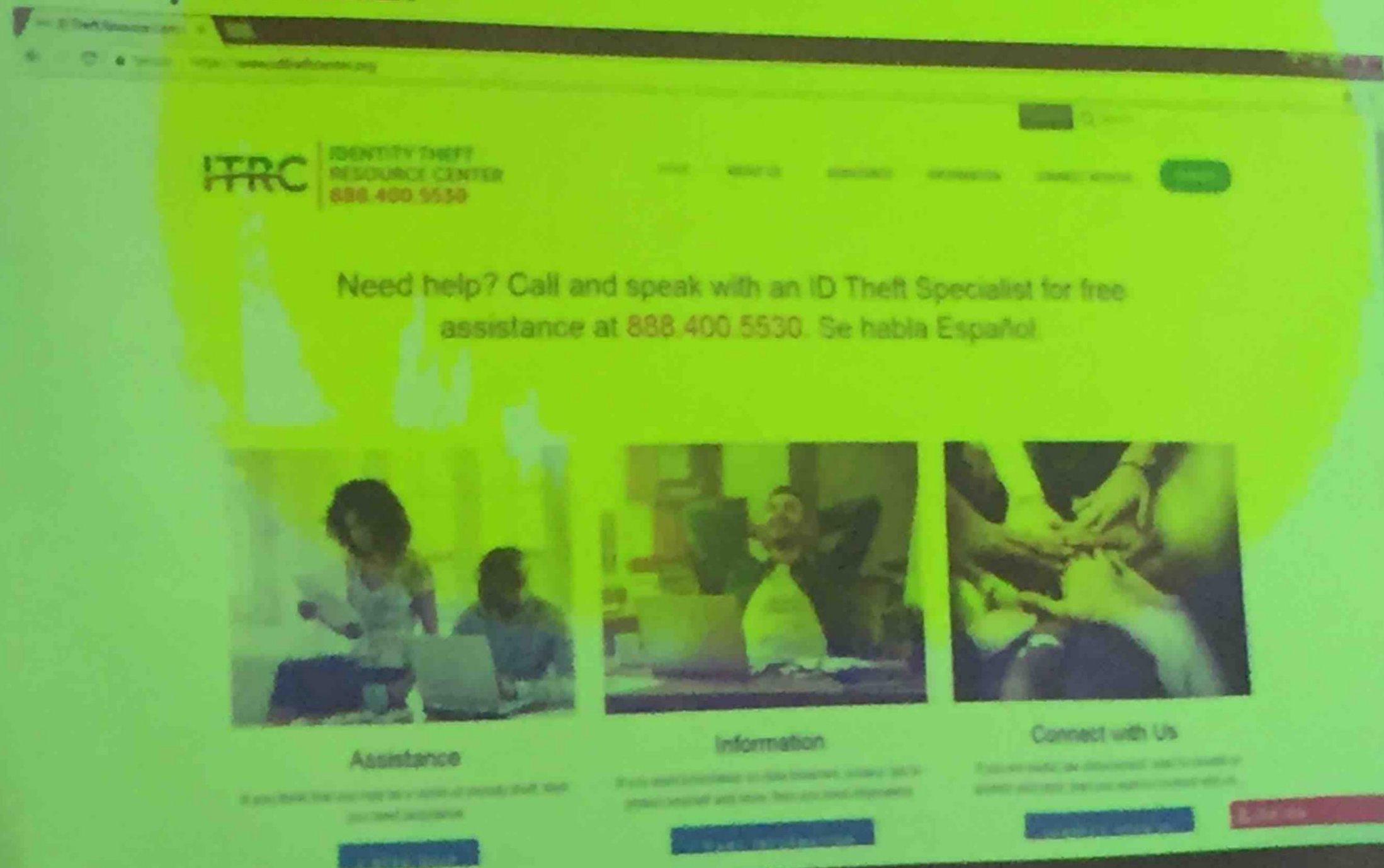
E-mail Bot

- If you are getting a lot of e-mails from scammers, consider forwarding them!
- Forward to me@rescam.org.
- This robot will start communicating with the scammer and give them the run around.
- You will be e-mailed a transcript of the conversation between the robot and scammer.



ID Theft Resource Center

- Helps anyone with identity theft problems
- Will guide you if you are ever a victim of fraud or identity theft
- They're **FREE!**



The screenshot shows the homepage of the ID Theft Resource Center (ITRC). The website has a clean, professional design with a white background and blue accents. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, About Us, Services, Information, and Contact Us. Below the navigation bar, the ITRC logo is prominently displayed, along with the text "IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCE CENTER" and the phone number "888.400.5530". A central message encourages visitors to call for free assistance at 888.400.5530, noting that Spanish is also spoken. Below this, there are three main sections: "Assistance" featuring a photo of two people working on a laptop, "Information" featuring a photo of a man speaking, and "Connect with Us" featuring a photo of hands shaking. Each section includes a brief description of the services offered and a "Learn More" button.

ITRC IDENTITY THEFT RESOURCE CENTER 888.400.5530

Need help? Call and speak with an ID Theft Specialist for free assistance at 888.400.5530. Se habla Español.

Assistance
If you think you've been the victim of identity theft, we can help you get it resolved.

Information
If you want to learn more about identity theft, how to protect yourself and more, then you need information.

Connect with Us
If you want to be alerted about the latest news and updates, then you need to connect with us.

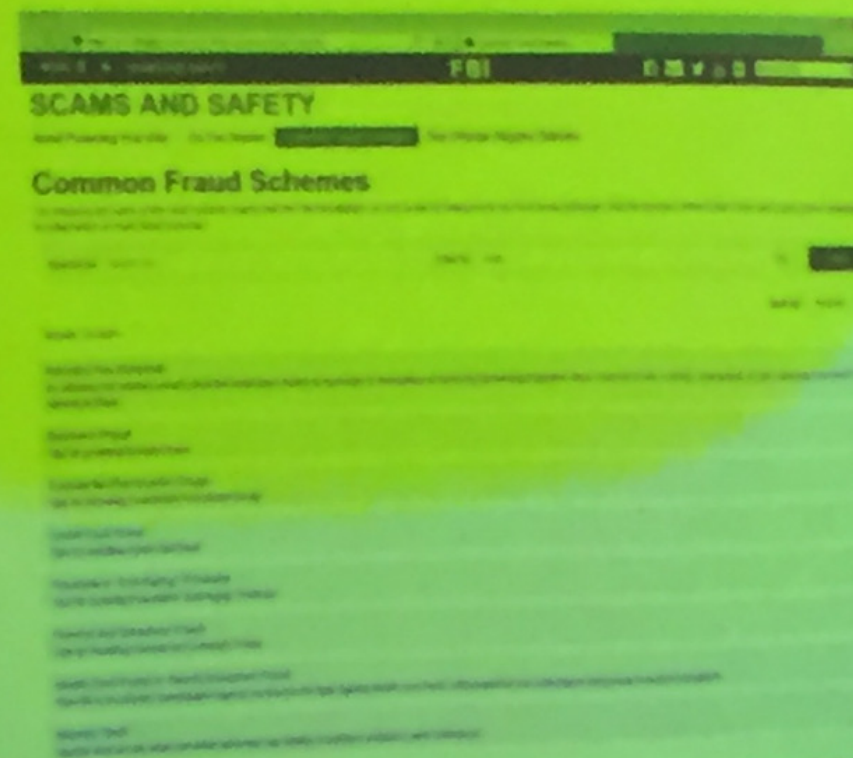
Be smart!

- Make everything on your social media accounts private.
- **Google** yourself.
- Don't give out any info if you don't have to.
- Stop answering your phone when you don't know who it is.
- Strangers are **not** your friends.

**BE SMART, BE
INTELLIGENT AND
BE INFORMED.**

Remember..

- If it's too good to be true, it is.
- If you doubt something, question it.
- Be careful of what information you are giving out.
- Stay in the loop about what kinds of frauds are happening([fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes](https://www.fbi.gov/scams-and-safety/common-fraud-schemes))
- Talk to each other!



Questions?

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If you would like to **report** fraud, contact your
local law enforcement agency.

SDSO Non-Emergency

Phone Number:

(858) 565-5200

