

How to Stay Safe from Fake Cell Phone Alerts and Notifications

According to [Scambusters](#), there are five common scam notifications scammers use to trick their potential victims. Fortunately, they are fairly easy to spot if you know what to look for:

1. **"Your Account Is Suspended"** Scams – A notification claims your bank or email account is locked due to unusual activity. Acting fast to "unlock" it exposes personal data to scammers.
2. **"You've Won a Prize"** Alerts – Fake gifts or giveaways appear, requesting a shipping fee or personal information to claim the prize.
3. **"Suspicious Login Attempts"** Warning – Notifications demand urgent action to secure your account, leading to phishing sites.
4. **"Virus Detected on Your Device"** Messages – False alerts about malware on your phone push you to download a fake antivirus app.
5. **Fake Delivery Alerts** – Notifications from non-existent shipping companies request confirmation details or payment for a package you never ordered.

What Can I Do to Stop Receiving Scam Notifications?

1. Revoke Notification Permissions from apps or websites that seem suspicious.
2. Only Download Apps from Official Stores like the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
3. Enable Spam Filters and Blockers on your email and browser.
4. Stay Cautious with Permissions when websites or apps request access.
5. Use a Trusted Security App to detect and block fraudulent activity.

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