

# Monday Wiring Scams

A scammer might use different ways to convince you to wire money. The scammer might say:

- You won a prize, or inherited money, but you have to pay fees first.
- You won the lottery, but you have to pay some taxes first.
- A friend or family member is in trouble and needs you to send money to help.
- You need to pay for something you just bought online before they send it.
- You got a check for too much money and need to send back the extra.

These are all tricks. When you hear stories like these, you have spotted a money wiring scam. Scammers are good at being friendly. They also are good at fooling people...they do it all day long.

Here is how you can stop a scammer:

- *Never wire money to someone you do not know.*
- Never wire money because someone contacted you:
  - even if you feel like you know the person
  - even if the person says he is your friend or related to you

What if you've already wired money to someone? Call the Attorney General's Office at 601-359-4230 or 1-800-281-4418, if you are in Mississippi.

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