

*Busey wants you to be informed of security issues or scams that may compromise your personal or financial information.*

## Work at Home

Whether you have inquired about a work at home job or you've been approached "out of the blue" about a work at home job, you should use extreme caution.

Many of the work at home offers that are out there are scams and they prey on the fact that most Americans could use some extra money. You may receive information from the company that looks legitimate, and may even contain a "contract" that outlines your job responsibilities, pay and opportunities for advancement.

Ways to avoid falling for an Work at Home scam:

- If you are being asked to pay a fee of any type upfront, it is a scam.
- If the company sends an "advance" on your pay and asks you to send some of it back because you were overpaid, it is a scam.
- If the company is asking for money for supplies that you will need to fulfill the job, it is a scam.
- If they company is offering you a list of potential people to market to or a list of potential employers for a fee, it is a scam.
- If you are sent a check and asked to send part of it back to the company as a fee or due to an overpayment of any kind, do not do this.
- If you deposit or cash the check and it is not legitimate, it will be returned and debited from your account.
- If you think you have fallen for a Work from Home scam, contact your bank.

For information about scams and ways to protect yourself against scams and Identity Theft, visit the Federal Trade Commission website at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov).

You can also find information about protecting yourself at [www.busey.com](http://www.busey.com).



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