



## **WEST CHESTER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

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### **WEST CHESTER POLICE ENCOURAGE ALL TO BE AWARE OF SCAMS**

West Chester Township Police indicate that victims of scams typically become victims either because they want to be helpful, or they hope to get a better deal.

“If something doesn’t feel quite right or is a little “off”, call the police to get some clarification,” said West Chester Community Affairs Sgt. Matt Tombragel. “If a stranger approaches you asking for money, listen to your inner voice and be comfortable with the fact that you may be taken advantage of with little opportunity of recovering your funds.”

Some other tips to keep in mind:

- Do business only with a recognized/established company.
- Don’t sign a contract that you don’t understand or haven’t fully read.
- Never pay in-full before completion of the work/service.
- Get several quotes.
- Ask a lot of questions.
- If you know of someone with diminished/limited capabilities (elderly/disabled), keep a close watch on their bank accounts, credit cards, checking accounts, etc., for unusual activity. They are the most likely victims.
- Immediately notify the police if you suspect that you, or someone you know, may be a victim of a scam.