

Student Loan Forgiveness Scams:

7 Steps to Stay Safe



Student loan forgiveness scams attempt to acquire your personal and private information through links redirecting you to a website or document asking for private data.



<https://www.suspicious-site.com/>

Avoid clicking links within text messages, especially if they are sent from someone you don't know. But also be aware that attack messages can appear to come from someone you do know, so think before you click. Examine the link closely and look for inconsistencies.



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Don't respond to text messages that request private or financial information from you.



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If you get a message that appears to be from your bank, government agency or other entity that you do business with, contact that business directly to determine if they sent you a legitimate request. Review this entity's policy on sending text messages to customers.



UNKNOWN
555-555

Beware of messages that have a number that says it is from "5000" or some other number that is not a cell number. Scammers often mask their identity by using email-to-text services to avoid revealing their actual phone number.



ACT NOW!

If a text message urges you to act or respond quickly, stop and think about it. Remember that criminals use this as a tactic to get you to do what they want.



Never reply to a suspicious text message without doing your research and verifying the source. If your bank is really going to cancel your credit card, you should be able to call the number on the back of your card to discuss this matter with them.



Never call a phone number from an unknown texter.