



CRIME ALERT

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iTunes Gift Card Scams

“One thing we know about scammers — they want money, and they want it fast. That’s why, whatever the con they’re running, they usually ask people to pay a certain way. They want to make it easy for themselves to get the money — and nearly impossible for you to get it back.

Their latest method? iTunes gift cards. To convince you to pay, they might pretend to be with the IRS and say you’ll be arrested if you don’t pay back taxes right now. Or pose as a family member or online love interest who needs your help fast. But as soon as you put money on a card and share the code with them, the money’s gone for good.

If you’re not shopping at the iTunes store, you shouldn’t be paying with an iTunes gift card. Other payment methods scammers might ask for include Amazon gift cards, PayPal, reloadable cards like MoneyPak, Reloadit, or Vanilla, or by wiring money through services like Western Union or MoneyGram. Government offices won’t require you to use these payment methods.”

If you get targeted by a scam like this, report it to the FTC at ftc.gov/complaint and call your local police department.

What and how to report:

- * Identify Yourself
- * Type of Incident
- * Specific Time/Location of the incident
- * Number of subjects involved
- * Suspect Description or Telephone Number

To keep up to date on the latest scams visit <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts>

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/blog/scammers-push-people-pay-itunes-gift-cards>