ANATOMY OF A JOB SEARCH SCAM

Job search scams are becoming more common, and are increasingly difficult to identify. Fortunately, there are clues that can help you spot a scam before you become a victim of fraud. Below are red flags to look for in communications that come from these “employers.”

Red Flag # 1: Does the tone strike you as odd? Listen to your instincts. “Dear applicant” sounds more like a mass marketing appeal. And the use of exclamation points in what is supposedly a formal letter is unusual.

Red Flag # 2
The description of what the organization does is vague.

Red Flag # 3
The phrasing is awkward and there are significant grammatical errors.

Red Flag # 3
Two words: Process and Transaction
While never mentioned, the “processing” happens through your private bank account, leaving you responsible when the “transaction” turns out to be a fraudulent check.

Red Flag # 4
The pay seems over-inflated for minimal work.

REMEMBER...
You will never have to pay for a job.
No legitimate employer will ask you to wire them money.
If it sounds too good to be true...it probably is.