

Criminals posing as Treasury Department officials in new email stimulus scam

Criminals posing as U.S. Treasury officials are sending emails requesting that victims provide personal information in order to receive COVID-19 stimulus money, according to a U.S. Secret Service alert obtained by CNBC on Wednesday.

“As with other aspects of the COVID-19 pandemic, fraudsters are exploiting the relief and stimulus to victimize the public. The U.S. Secret Service is observing a rise in stimulus relief fraud over the past several days and expect the fraud attempts to continue throughout the pandemic,” the alert said.

The alert, sent to law enforcement and banking officials, said the phony emails, which appear to come from the U.S. Treasury, state that, “You are among the First Email ID Batch to receive payment of \$450,000 on this exercise, the purpose of these funds is to give relief to the global citizens of the world due to coronavirus pandemic...”

The email goes on to say, “You have been assigned a Senior supervisor Agent who will handle your filing and also monitor the processing of your funds release.” The email asks for personal information including the recipient’s name, address, date of birth, and profession.

Always be on you guard about things like this and don't give out your personal information.

